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Dear Parents / Carers

Operation Wallacea are now in a position to book the flights to Honduras. Operation Wallacea have always been transparent on their correspondence that flight prices can fluctuate and as such the final price of the trip could go up or down. Please see below a statement from OpWall regarding the flights:

*“We have been working extremely hard to try and book flights at a competitive price for all groups travelling next summer. Our Honduras pricing is much higher than we have previously paid for flights and we are writing to give you the best details as to why this may be happening, although we and the agents we use only have our thoughts and anecdotal reasoning rather than statements and data from the airlines. We believe there are a number of reasons is looking likely to have been such as a new protection for travellers going via the US and delays being subject to charges to the airlines, also reduced air routes available from UK to Honduras, as well as general price increases, we have all experiences in our everyday lives. Rather than just accept the increased costs we have looked into changing the routes we use, we have worked with a great number of agents and also looked to book directly with airlines to bring this cost down as much as we can. This has worked and the pricing is less than when we first researched our options but sadly this is not our cost or one we have any control over. Please let me assure you we do all we can to make sure the pricing we ask you all to pay is the very best deal we can get at the time. Sometimes this is the moment the flights are released, sometimes that is now, with larger groups it is rarely closer to the departure date, as such we are wanting to secure what we believe to be the very best price available. This is still higher than we thought we would be paying. We only have these flights held until Friday and we must make a decision by then”.*

As such the cost of the trip is now coming in at £3875.00 per person, which is obviously a substantial increase and one which we know you will find to be quite a shock and hugely disappointing.

As we find everything going up in price around us, I hope you understand that we are tied by the airline charges.

If you feel this could be a barrier to you progressing with the expedition payments, please make contact with myself so we can discuss the options and help with further fundraising ideas. If you would like to discuss this matter, please contact myself no later than **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November**. If I do not hear from you I will presume you are progressing with the trip and I will sign the contacts on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> to ensure we secure the flight price.

The payment plan has been adjusted to reflect this increase as below:

4th Instalment £1000 – 2nd February 2024  
Balance Payment £1105 – 2nd March 2024

For those that have opted to learn to dive in the UK, please let me know if this price increase changes your plans.

We can only apologise for this increase but have no doubt that the trip will be an experience of a lifetime.

Kind Regards



**Vicky Rice**  
**Emma Pilgrim**  
**Trip Leaders**