

Travel Guidance

UK Foreign Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO) guidance is currently against all but essential travel to Israel – doesn't this mean we cannot go?

At the time of launching the Maccabiah Games and since the October 7th attacks, the FCDO advises against all but essential travel to Israel. We anticipate this will change well in advance of Maccabiah which is taking place in July 2025.

The FCDO publishes guidance on how to interpret its travel advice [here](#). As they state “FCDO travel advice aims to inform British nationals so they can make decisions about travelling abroad... no foreign travel can be guaranteed as safe. You must take personal responsibility for your own travel. Any decision to travel to, stay in, or leave a country, or to undertake any type of activity in that country, is for you to take on the basis of the best available information from our travel advice and other sources. The government cannot make these decisions for you”.

In FCDO's definition of essential travel they state “Whether travel is essential or not is your own decision. You may have urgent family or business commitments which you need to attend to. Only you can make an informed decision based on your own individual circumstances and the risks”.

In other words, it's for parents / individuals to consider the advice to help make an informed decision.

At date of launch, we have considered the FCDO's advice and factored it into our risk analysis and especially the dates of the Games.

Should the FCDO's advice not change by January 2025, we will reevaluate with our partners in the UK and Israel.

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