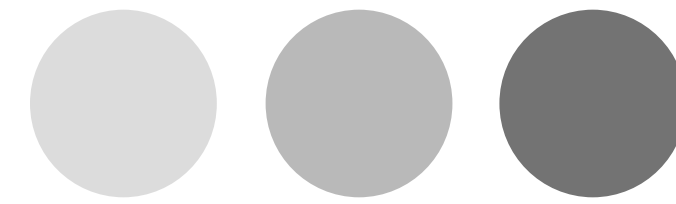


Key Challenges to organising a successful school visit post BREXIT.

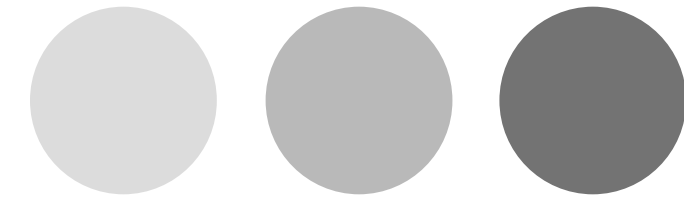




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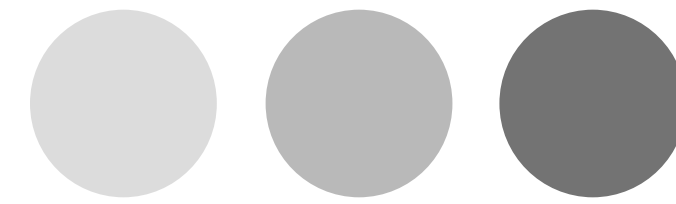




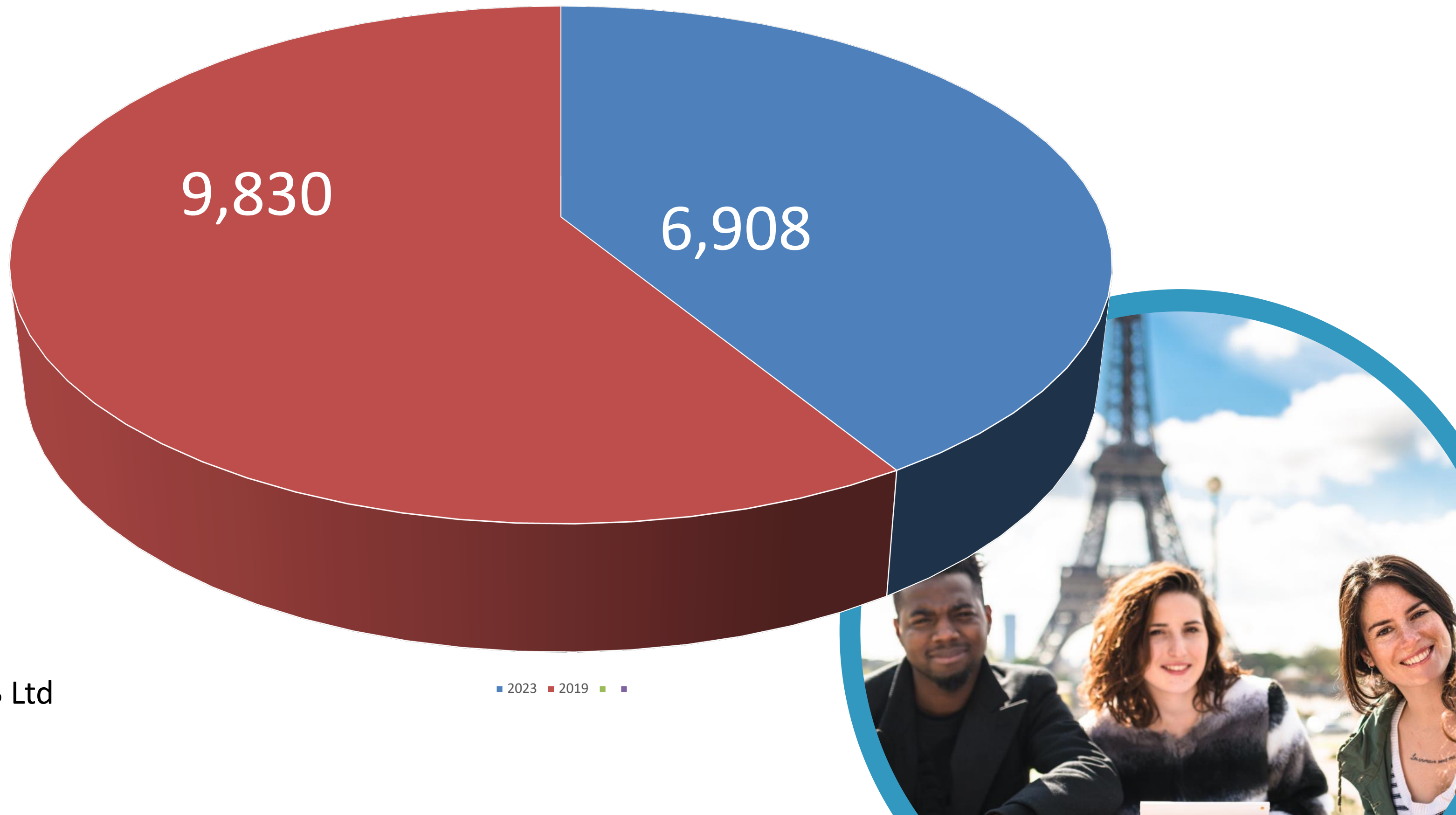
Who we are

- The leading association for UK companies offering overseas educational visits and tours
- Pre Covid operated over 20,000 visits per year
- Trusted quality mark for over 20 years
- Promote best practice health and safety values in the sector
- Awarding Body for the LOtC Quality Badge



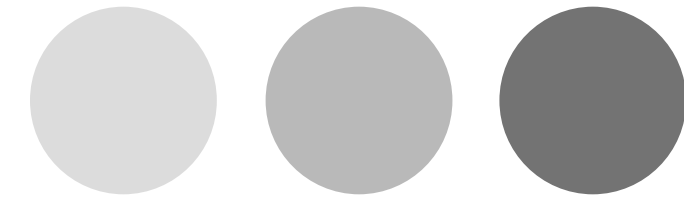


Overseas School Visits 2019 vs 2023



Source: eduFOCUS Ltd

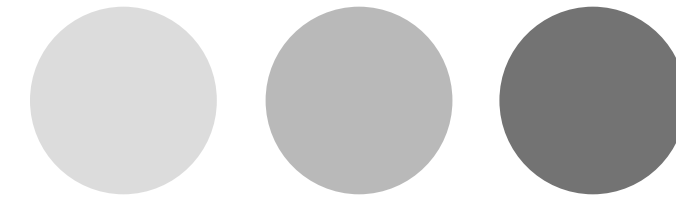
■ 2023 ■ 2019 ■



Overseas School Visits 2019 vs 2023

- ❖ In 2023, 30% fewer groups experienced an overseas educational visit compared with 2019
- ❖ 19% fewer students (just under 60,000) experienced an overseas educational visit in 2023 vs 2019.

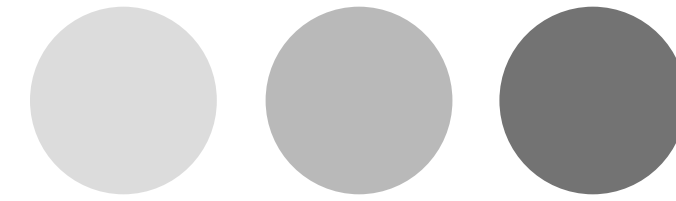




Planning Challenges

- ❖ Collective/Group Passport not fit for purpose
Alternative required – with input from **all**
relevant Government Departments
- ❖ Visas required for non-UK Passport Holders
 - ❖ Extra cost – many pupils cannot afford
 - ❖ Complicated and time-consuming
application processes





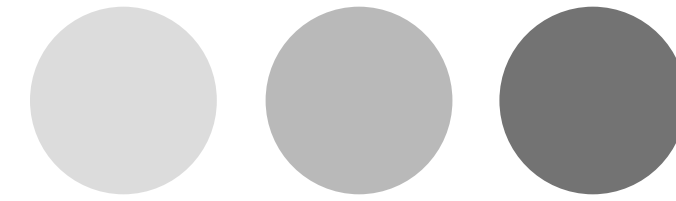
Planning Challenges

- ❖ Travel entry requirements for school groups is hard to find and difficult to understand

Entry requirements

This advice reflects the UK government's understanding of current rules for people travelling on a full 'British citizen' passport from the UK, *for the most common types of travel.*

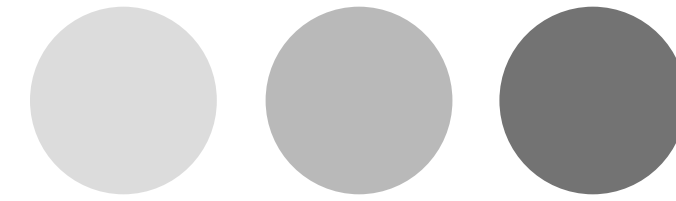




Planning Challenges

- ❖ Capacity problems on cross channel crossings
 - ❖ Additional border checks has limited coach capacity per crossing – leading to extra costs and involuntary use of night crossings
- ❖ Eurostar no longer accepts school coach bookings in peak season – exacerbating the problem





Travelling Challenges

- ❖ Extra border checks at Ports lead to extremely long delays particularly at Dover
- ❖ Leading to safeguarding issues, cancelled visits and driver hours problems
- ❖ How will new border processes affect school visits – ETIAS/ETA ?



