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26 February 2024

Dear Parent or Carer,

RE: Senior Ski Trip, 23-30 March 2024

With less than 5 weeks before departure, I wanted to take the opportunity to write with further updates and remind you of some key information. We won't be holding another parent/carer evening before we depart as most of the information was shared in the previous meeting and any further updates have been included in this letter.

As shared on the parent/carer information evening, throughout the trip I can be contacted on the school mobile phone: 07759 713991.

Passports & GHIC/EHIC

Passports and GHIC/EHIC cards will need to be brought into school no later than **Friday 8 March**. These should be handed in directly to ACE reception. Our admin team will check that the details on the passport match those that our travel operator hold prior to our departure. Trip staff will take responsibility for supervising student passports, except for when students do need them in the airport. Whilst in resort the passports will be kept securely by trip staff.

Once in resort, students will be given their GHIC/EHIC cards which they will need to carry with their ski pass. We will collect these in again before we leave to keep secure during travelling and then return to students with their passports at the end of the trip.

Travel & Luggage

Students will need to wear comfortable clothing for travelling. We have a lot of travelling to do each way; a coach transfer between Newcastle airport and Driffield, flights from Newcastle and Milan airports, and a 3-hour coach transfer between Milan airport and Folgarida.

We are still awaiting confirmation of times of the coach departure from school. We are anticipating that this will be somewhere between 3 - 4am. As soon as we have confirmation of the timings, we will let you know.

Students are able to bring one piece of hand luggage and one piece of hold luggage.

Hand luggage must not exceed 40 x 20 x 25 cm. Please be aware that there are restriction on items permitted in hand luggage, particularly liquids. Full details can be found on the Newcastle Airport website: <https://www.newcastleairport.com/preparing-for-travel/security/>.

Please make sure that students do not have items in their hand luggage such as drinks, deodorants and other cosmetics that do not meet the requirements outlined in the link above. These items should be stored in their hold baggage. Having prohibited items in hand luggage can delay us getting through security.

Hold luggage must not exceed 20kg. Please ensure that you check this before arriving at school on the morning of 23 March. Any excess baggage charges will be at the expense of the parent/carer/students and excess baggage may cause delays in our check-in process.

Please also remember that you will need to bring travel adaptors for chargers and other electrical devices.

Flight Details

Outbound

Airport: Newcastle Airport
Flight Operator: Ryanair
Flight Number: FR460
Flight Departure Time: 9:05am

Destination Airport: Milan Bergamo
Arrival Time: 12:25pm

Inbound

Airport: Milan Bergamo
Flight Operator: Ryanair
Flight number: FR461
Flight Departure Time: 12:50pm

Destination Airport: Newcastle Airport
Arrival time: 2:15pm

Parent/Carer Information Booklet

Attached to the email with this letter is a copy of the parent/carer information booklet. This contains all the information that was shared at the parent/carer information evening, including kit lists, travel information and resort information.

Behaviour and Conduct

Although I anticipate that we will not have any issue, I would like remind students that whilst they are on the ski trip they are acting as ambassadors for Driffield School. Whilst on any trip we expect the same standards of behaviour as we do in school. A copy of the behaviour contract can be found in the parent/carer information booklet. If you have not yet returned a signed copy of the behaviour contract, please can you do so as soon as possible.

We have been advised that some of the rooms at the hotel may have balconies. Please be aware that students are not permitted to use the balconies and the balconies will be out of bounds at all times. I would also like to remind students that drinking alcohol and smoking/vaping are not permitted on the trip at any time.

Whilst students are in ski lessons, they are under the direct instruction of their ski instructor. Students must always follow any directions given by their instructor. Students will also be placed into groups, based on ability, by their instructors. These groups are at the discretion of the ski instructors, not school staff, and we cannot move students into alternative groups upon request. Students must always ski with their instructor and must not leave their group to ski on their own.

Medical Information and Medication

If any medical/health information, medication or dietary requirements have changed since the initial consent form was completed, please can you contact me to update this information. For those students that have already listed medications on the consent form, I will have contacted parents/carers to discuss this.

Where medication needs to be kept by trip staff, please can you ensure that this is in the original packaging and is clearly labelled with instructions.

We appreciate that students may carry their own non-prescribed medications (e.g. paracetamol, antihistamines). We do ask that students inform a member of staff whenever they take any medication during the trip.

Money and School Bank

As discussed at the information evening, we will operate a 'school bank' if students want us to look after any cash. Students will have the opportunity each day to take some money out of the 'bank'. If you would like us to do this, please can you ensure that the money is in an envelope clearly named and details of how much money there is. Students may bring and use bank cards however cards will remain the responsibility of the student.

Mobile Phones

Please check your child's phone for the network's roaming charges and have any necessary discussion with your child about the use of their phone whilst abroad and any charges they may incur. You may need to show them how to disable data usage whilst abroad if your provider does charge for use abroad.

If students cannot use their own phone to contact home whilst we are away, they will be able to use the school mobile.

Please be aware that any phones brought on the trip are entirely at the risk of the student.

The use of phones on trips can sometime cause some issues, so we are asking that students and parents/carers agree to a code of conduct for phone use, so that the trip remains a positive experience for all, and mobile phones do not cause issues for any students whilst we are away. We kindly ask that you completed this link: <https://forms.office.com/e/LmU6CxBP0s>

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours faithfully,



Mr M Evans
Assistant Headteacher and Trip Leader