



BORDEN GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Borden Grammar School
Avenue of Remembrance
Sittingbourne
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1 February 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: SKIING TRIP 2019 TO APRICA, ITALY

As the trip is drawing nearer I thought I would give you the latest details, information and requests for our final preparations to go.

Passports/EHIC/Photos for Ski Pass: Nearly all of these are now in. If there is anything still outstanding then there is a note attached to this letter to let you know what is still missing, if anything.

Departure: We are due to leave school at 18:20 on Friday 15 February 2019. Consequently, your son/daughter is to go home as normal at the end of the school day, have a shower, have something to eat and get their luggage. Please arrive back at school, meeting in the Hall, by 17:30 as this is when the coach is due to arrive. We are booked on the 21:20 P & O Ferry from Dover and are expected to arrive in resort approximately 17:30 local time on Saturday 16 February 2019.

Return: We are due to leave the resort at 20:00 local time on Friday 22 February 2019 and return to school at approximately 16:30 on Saturday 23 February 2019. We hope to be on the 14:00 DFDS Seaways Ferry from Dunkirk. Please ensure you can be contacted by your son/daughter on the Saturday in case there is any change of plan. Your son/daughter can telephone you from Dover to confirm our arrival time.

Hotel:

Albergo Roma, Corso Roma, 159, 23031 Aprica SO, Italy

School Contact: Mr J Hopkins 07899 389600
Mr C Brinn 07470 115345

Luggage: Your son/daughter is permitted one item of luggage in the 'boot' of the coach and one small bag as hand luggage. It is preferable for the luggage going in the 'boot' to be a holdall bag or failing this a suitcase. If your son/daughter is taking their own helmet this must be packed in the bag that is going in the 'boot' of the coach.

Medication: Mr Weller is the dedicated member of staff on the trip responsible for any medications and general first aid. If you son/daughter has any medication to be administered then please place it in a named bag/pouch with clear and concise instructions of when each dose is to be administered. The same applies to medicines such as paracetamol and ibuprofen as we are not able to administer this from any other supply other than what has been provided by yourself.



Headteacher: Mr J R Hopkins BA (Hons) NPQH



Food and Drink: We will stop for breakfast and possibly lunch on route for which your son/daughter will need 15-25 euros. He/She may also wish to bring some snacks and drinks for the journey. Our first cooked meal in resort will be an evening meal on Saturday 16 February 2019. Please remember we have the same coach all week and it must be kept as clean as possible during the journey. Chewing gum and cans are not allowed on the bus.

Telephoning home: The Italian telephone system uses cards that can be purchased in shops. Alternatively, your home phone supplier may have ways to charge any calls to the home bill. Mobile telephones are permitted on the trip but are the responsibility of your son/daughter and charges from Italy may be high.

Seat and room allocation: Students will be allocated to rooms in the hotel. To date we are yet to receive the rooming allocation from the hotel. Once received, students will have the opportunity to express a preference but it might not be possible to put people together. Students must arrange a travel partner to sit with on the coach.

Travel: Remember we are travelling overnight and it can get cold. Bring a pillow or headrest and keep your ski jacket with you – this also saves space in the main luggage bag. **You must also have a pair of ski socks in your hand luggage for ski fit on arrival.**

Cameras, iPads and iPods/MP3 players: It is not advisable to bring too much expensive equipment on this sort of trip. Single use cameras have the advantage of being cheap and easy to fit into a pocket while skiing. Should your son/daughter choose to bring any such items or similar they are their responsibility.

Seat belts: The coach will have seat belts and your son/daughter will be expected to buckle up at all times.

Money: Italy operates within the Euro zone. We recommend about 100-140 Euros for the trip (small denominations). They will need to use this to pay for the evening entertainment once in resort. Please put this money in a sealed, named envelope. I will collect your son's/daughter's money on the coach and store it safely at the hotel. Your son/daughter will be able to collect money from his/her envelope in the evenings each day probably starting from the Sunday. Money for the outbound journey must be kept separate from that being handed in for safe-keeping.

Video/DVD: The coach will have a DVD player. Students are welcome to bring appropriate DVD's (certificate U, PG or 12 only). Mr Finch will collect DVD's in school before we leave or on the coach (please clearly label them with your name).

Clothing: Can I remind you of the need for several layers while skiing. Please refer to the kit list attached and contact myself if you have any questions about clothing to take.

Sun protection: Even in February the sun over the mountains will be strong. It is essential that your son/daughter has plenty of high factor (spf 50+) sunblock and lip block. It is vital that this is used several times during a day's skiing. Your son/daughter **must** bring ski goggles and, may wish, to bring sunglasses.

Helmets: Can I remind you that it is compulsory for all students to ski with helmets under the KCC guidelines for school skiing trips. Helmets are to be worn at all times during skiing sessions as well as at any evening entertainment such as ice skating or bum boarding. If

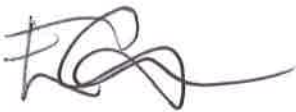
you have indicated that you are bringing your own helmet please ensure it is packed in your main luggage bag and **not** in your hand luggage.

Supervision: While skiing the students will be under the supervision of a qualified instructor throughout the day. Students will go into the resort of Aprica at certain times during the trip. When this happens they will be told where they can/cannot go and must conduct themselves responsibly. While away all students will be expected to behave in an appropriate manner as they are representatives of the school. Staff will be exercising the same care as a prudent parent.

Members of staff: The staff on the trip will be Mrs Carter, Mr Williams, Mr Whiting, Mr Weller, Mr Finch and Mr Dale.

If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact me via email on ecarter@bordengrammar.kent.sch.uk .

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'E Carter', written in a cursive style.

Mrs E Carter
Head of Mathematics