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LW/hr/Y10 Sorrento Trip 2024 23 November 2023

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

I am happy to write and update you with the confirmed plans and itinerary for the upcoming geography trip to Sorrento.

Payments

The total cost of your child's trip is £880. You have already paid £487.

The final balance of £393 is now on ParentPay. You can pay this off in stages, or in one go. The balance must be paid by 14th April 2024 at the latest.

The cost includes all travel, accommodation, excursion entrances and breakfast and evening meals in the hotel.

Flights and Passports

Travel Details Date of Departure from UK: 8th July 2024

Date of Arrival back in UK: 12th July 2024

• Length of Tour: 5 days, 4 nights

	Date	Flight	From	То	Check-in	Departs	Arrives
OUTBOUND	08/07/24	FR6835	MAN	NAP	13.00	16.00	19.55
RETURN	12/07/24	RK6834	NAP	MAN	17.45	20.45	23.00

We will depart school at 12.00 on Monday 8th July. Please send your child to school at the normal time on this day, in own clothes and with a packed lunch so that they can eat before we board the coach. Although there is likely to be time to buy food at the airport, this cannot be guaranteed if there are any delays with travel or security at the airport.

We will arrive back at SJC from the airport at approximately 12.30am on Saturday 13th – again, this will depend on passport control and traffic. But your child will be able to message you and provide an update on our progress.

Passports

You will need to ensure that your child has a valid passport for travel. This must have **at least 6 months validity** from the return date of travel. I recommend that you check your child's passport and if the validity will be less than 6 months then please apply for a new passport ASAP.

Names supplied for tickets should be as stated in passports; any changes may incur amendment fees. I therefore ask that your child brings their passport to school at the earliest convenience (by the latest 18th December) to give to the Finance Office so that a photocopy can be taken and securely held at school. This will guarantee we add the correct details to the flight bookings.

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Global Health Insurance Card (GHIC) previously European Health Insurance Card (EHIC)

Your child will also need a valid GHIC card. This entitles UK residents to free or reduced cost state provided medical treatment should it become necessary whilst we are away.

You can apply for a free GHIC is online at https://www.nhs.uk/using-the-nhs/healthcareabroad/apply-for-a-free-uk-global-health-insurance-card-ghic/

Further GHIC information can be found here;

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/519532/EHI C-Leaflet-Final-artwork6_11.01.2016.pdf

You do not need to apply for a GHIC if you have a valid EHIC which has not expired.

Luggage

1 piece of cabin baggage per person, subject to Ryanair's weight and dimension restrictions.

1 piece of 10kg hand baggage per person, subject to Ryanair's weight and dimension restrictions.

The Hotel and Itinerary

I have yet to receive the timings of the different excursions, I will be able to provide these at the parental meeting. The excursions that are included in your child's trip are:

- Mount Vesuvius
- Guided Tour of Pompeii
- Guided Tour of Herculaneum
- Capri Island Day with boat trip included
- Fondo Galatea Farm and Pizza Making
- Tour of the Amalfi Coast with stop in Ravello

The hotel is:

Bleu Village

It has very positive reviews. Students will be in same sex, multi-bedded, self-contained bungalows (4-6 students) with ensuite facilities. There is a swimming pool, air conditioning and Wi-Fi.

Spending Money

The amount that you allow your child to take is up to you. Your child will be responsible for their own cash/bank cards.

As they will need to buy their own drinks and lunches each day, I would recommend a minimum of €20 a day towards the cost of this. I would therefore recommend €100 minimum spending money. But more if they wish to purchase souvenirs and extra ice creams etc.

I would like to invite you to a **parental information evening** on **Wednesday 26th June**, to be held in the school hall at **5.30pm**. It is essential that at least one parent attends to receive all the final important pieces of information and guidance. Students do not need to attend, but can if there are any childcare issues.

If you have any urgent questions about the trip then please do email me at winterburn@stjosephsmail.com

Yours sincerely,

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