



JED/GWE

20th January 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Final Details for Ski Trips to Italy – 10th to 18th February 2023

As we approach February, I write to outline important information regarding departure, accommodation and return journey details. I also need to inform you that our itinerary has changed slightly, we will be skiing 2 different areas: Lavarone on Days 1 to 3, Folgaria on Days 4 and 5 and back to Lavarone for the last day ready for easy departure.

Travel Arrangements:

- The outline shown below will be approximately correct:
- Outward Journey: Depart School 10th 12:30 hrs from Sports Hall car park
 Depart Dover by ferry 18:50 hrs
 Arrive Calais 21:15 hrs (local time)
 Arrive Lavarone 11th 15:00 hrs (approx.)
- Return Journey: Depart Lavarone 17th 16:30 hrs (approx.)
 Depart Calais by ferry 18th 12:35 hrs (approx.)
 Arrive Dover 13:05 hrs (local time – approx.)
 Arrive School 16:30 hrs (approx.)

Hotel Details:	
Name:	Hotel Al Lago / Hotel Romanda
Address:	Via Lago 21, Lavarone, 38046, Italy / Via Trieste, 27, Lavarone, Italy
Telephone:	(+39) 0464 783222 / (+39) 0464 783135
Website:	https://www.hotel-al-lago.com / https://www.hotelromanda.net

Your contact in Italy, in the event of any emergency whilst we are away is:

Mr J Elder 07985 775013 and Mr G Bradbury 07713584300.

The emergency contact number in this country is **Mr C Armstrong** who can be reached on **01604 258676**.

Please DO NOT, under any circumstances, use these numbers for travel information, or for non-emergency communication. These numbers are for use only in the event of a situation which absolutely necessitates you contacting the trip leader in Italy.

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Please read the attached information sheet carefully for further information concerning the trip.

Beyond this, if you have any queries or concerns regarding the trip, please telephone the trip leader at school on 01604 230240.

Yours sincerley

Mr J Elder
Ski Trip Leader

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Day of Departure and Outbound Journey

- On the morning of Friday 10th February, the main stowed luggage bag and hand luggage bag need to be dropped off at the Sports Hall Car Park between 7:30 – 8:30am.
- Students will be directed at this time where to place their bags and these will be locked away safely at the swimming pool for the period 8:35am – 11.35am.
- Pupils will be expected to attend morning lessons as normal in their full school uniform. Students will then come down to the swimming pool at **11.35am**.
- They can leave their travel clothes with their luggage in the designated store area at the swimming pool and use that space to change.
- Because of the constraints on time, students are advised to either eat at break time or to bring a packed lunch for the bus journey to Dover. Students will not have time to eat at the school canteen on Friday lunch.
- Some parents in the past have chosen to drop their son's luggage at school prior to the departure time and wave the coach off. This is fine but we would urge parents intending to do this to please bring the luggage to the Sports Hall car park no earlier than 11.15am and no later than 12.00pm.
- If you intend to bring luggage at this time, please be aware that parking will not be available at the Sports Hall. For safety reasons, we respectfully request you park off-site and walk down the access road to the Sports Hall.
- It would be impractical to have the students take their school bag and uniform to Italy with us. We need to ask parents to make arrangements to pick these items up from 11.35am. Some families do this in person, others ask friends or siblings to bring them home. If any student has a problem arranging this, we can provide safe storage at school for their belongings over the Half Term break. Please just let us know you want this to happen and we can sort that accordingly.
- The target departure time is 12.30pm, but if we are all settled and ready to go prior to that time, it is possible we could depart a little earlier.
- Parents are reminded that once in resort the trip is full board, but our first meal in resort is not until Saturday evening. For this reason, students will need some form of pack-up and / or some Euros to cover a mid-morning stop on the Saturday whilst transferring across Europe.
- We require all students to wear their NSB ski hoodie for the outbound and return journeys. This will aid group supervision at stops along the way. It is however possible that you will not have your hoodie until the day of departure.

Return to School

- We are due to arrive back at school at approximately 4:30pm on Saturday 18th February. It is normal practice for drop off to occur in the bus bay at the front of school. However, the coach will not be able to use that space if parents pull into the bus bay. For this reason, can we respectfully request that parents park either in the school crescent, in adjoining streets or perhaps at the Old Northamptonians.
- Please be aware that return times are approximate, from experience our scheduled Calais departure time can change depending on when we get there (it is usually first come first served); if our transfer is affected by any unforeseen circumstances that will significantly alter our arrival time to school, we will have the students call home to inform you of this.

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IMPORTANT TRAVEL INFORMATION – PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

- **VERY IMPORTANT** – Make sure that your son has his **passport and GHIC/EHIC card** with him, in a zipped pocket in his travel clothes, which they can reach easily in transit, do not pack in stowed luggage!
- **Passports** - please note that we will collect all passports, on the coach at the time of departure and hold these centrally for the duration of the trip. They will be returned to students once we have passed back through customs on the return journey.
- **Global Health Insurance Card / European Health Insurance Card** - the students must ensure they bring an up to date GHIC/EHIC with them on the trip. Students will be instructed to carry the card with them daily on the slopes in a secure jacket pocket.
- The Coach Company has asked that bags should be a soft hold-all type as space in the baggage compartment is limited. Large, rigid suit cases will be difficult to pack.
- If any families have outstanding finances on the balance of payments, could we request that these are cleared in full prior to the date of departure. If this is problematic, could we ask you to contact the trip leader at the school to discuss the matter.
- Please ensure that your child brings a towel.
- Bring a small cushion / pillow for the journey. Students may choose to wear their ski jacket to save space in their luggage. Sleeping bag or blanket for overnight transfers to and from resort is optional.
- The buses are equipped with DVD players. Students may wish to bring their own age-appropriate films. These will be vetted by staff prior to viewing.
- In your hand luggage, make sure you pack the following:
 1. Food for the journey (**no chewing gum, fizzy drinks or sweets please**).
 2. **No student is to bring nut based snacks on the buses**, given the fact there are students with nut allergies travelling with us on the coach.
 3. Money (both Euro's and a small amount of sterling for outbound and return trip). For pocket money I advise around €10 a day as a rough guide, but this is entirely your choice and be assured that all meals are provided in resort.
 4. Tooth brush and perhaps a small wash kit to freshen up at the services on the continent.
 5. Book / magazine or other entertainment, but please remember smart phones / ipads etc are taken at your own risk.
 6. **Medication - VERY IMPORTANT** – If you have a medical condition, and need regular medication please ensure that both your Trip Leader and Travel Group Leader (if they are different people) know of the condition and the medication. As a rule of thumb, if your medication involves anything beyond a salbutamol inhaler for asthma, your travel group leader will take responsibility for your medication. Please hand this over at coach departure in an envelope clearly marked with name, medication and details of how to administer.

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- It is our intention to offer a staff 'bank' on this trip. This is not compulsory, but any student who would like their travel group leader to safeguard their money whilst in resort can take advantage of this service. The 'bank' will be open at designated times throughout the week for students to 'make withdrawals'. Responsibility will not be accepted for any loss of money from students who decide to manage their own finances during the trip.

Parents often request advice on required kit. Please use the following as a guide:

Travel	Comfortable loose clothing Packed lunch – absolutely no fizzy drinks, sweets, chewing gum, nuts perhaps small pillow / small blanket or such for coach (optional). Passport / EHIC / Euro's / medication as necessary.
Evenings	It will be cold in resort but we will rarely go out after skiing. Warm, casual clothing to be worn around the hotel. Beanie or such 2 pairs of footwear, - 'clean' for the hotel, - 'dirty' for the boot room / evening excursions.
Skiing	2 or 3 pairs of thick, warm socks, 'ski tubes' are cheap / fine for purpose A pair of skiing gloves (woolen gloves are no good, they stay wet + cold) <i>Base layer</i> – thin long sleeve top or t-shirts You will not need long johns if your salopettes are lined. You could bring thermal top / under armour style base layer <i>Light middle layer</i> - long sleeve top / extra t-shirt <i>Top Layer</i> - waterproof bottoms and jacket <i>Head</i> - eyewear, either sun glasses or goggles Small rucksack for extra clothing / water etc (optional)
General	Towel Game / magazine / books etc for rooms You are advised to bring a bin liner to pack damp clothes on the day of return Please bring a face mask
Reminder	We supply skis, poles, boots and helmet.

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