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Dear parents and carers

Possible implications of Brexit on school trips abroad

I am writing to inform you that we have been alerted by the DfE that there may be some consequences for school trips abroad following Brexit on 29th March; this will have potential implications for students going to Madrid, Ypres or on the ski trip next year.

Trip Cost:

It is possible the prices negotiated with travel companies for travel and accommodation might be subject to change and unfortunately any price rises would have to be passed on to parents and carers of students booked on to trips. In the unlikely event that prices went down, we would of course refund you the surplus.

Travel Insurance:

It is unlikely that the benefits of the European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) will continue, in which case the school will seek to buy travel insurance to cover students when on trips. This may well lead to an increase in the cost of the trip. If the school cannot provide whole school travel insurance, then parents and carers would need to take some out separately for their child. In the case of either scenario, we will notify parents and carers in good time.

Passports:

Passports for students travelling abroad will need to be valid for at least **6 months from the date of travel**. We would recommend parents and carers renew any passports that fall into this category **now** to avoid delays.

Mobile phone roaming charges:

Although the main mobile phone operators have said they do not plan to reinstate roaming charges after Brexit, we would advise parents and carers to be aware in case things change to avoid incurring unexpected tariff costs after the trip.

There are as yet many unknowns with Brexit but we are hopeful that there will be clarity soon as to the effects it may or may not have on school trips abroad; we will write to parents and carers with updates as we get them.

Yours faithfully

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