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Dear Parent/Carer

March 2018

RE: GEOGRAPHY RESIDENTIAL STUDY VISIT TO SICILY Sunday 14th July – Friday 19th July 2019

We are delighted to be able to offer your son/daughter the opportunity to visit Sicily on a 6 day residential. The trip has previously included key places of geographical interest such:

- A guided tour of **Mt. Etna**,
- A guided tour of the **Alcantara Gorge** and **river tubing**,
- **Vulcano Island** and **Lipari Island** – where we will also be able to experience the mud baths.
- **Stromboli** - where we will spend some time exploring the island before climbing to the summit of the volcano to watch it erupt at sunset.
- **Taormina** – which is a popular tourist destination and includes an open air amphitheatre.
- **Etnaland** – water park.

The trip is being booked through Discover the World Education, one of the UK's leading educational travel companies for schools with more than 30 years of experience. Discover the World Education have been totally committed to providing the highest possible standards for safety and financial security for school visits since 1983. Their approach to safety management will offer the reassurance we know is of utmost importance to the school and to parents and carers. For more details about Discover the World please visit their website: <https://www.discover-the-world.co.uk/study-trips>

I have personally ran the trip for the last 5 years with great success and all students who take part in the trip thoroughly enjoy it. Discover the World work closely with us during the whole tour planning process to ensure that your child will get the very best learning experience whilst away.

Please note: All students have access to our extra-curricular activities and reasonable adjustments will be made to ensure each student's full inclusion in this trip. Please contact Mr Bodey, Deputy Headteacher, if you think that this may be needed for your child.

The dates of the trip are dependent on flight times and flights are released in October/November 2018. However, we aim to leave Fulford School on **Sunday 14th July 2019** (the exact time is dependent on flight times) and return to school on **Friday 19th July 2019** (again, the exact time is dependent on flight times). Travel will be by coach to London Gatwick/Luton or Manchester Airport and via plane to Sicily (Catania Airport). **Please note: the final dates and price of the trip will be confirmed once the flights have been released.**

Whilst in Sicily, we will have the benefit of a fully qualified, local guide that will be with us at all times. This will ensure that we get the highest educational value out of the trip, through their expert knowledge of the Geography of the local area.



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The total cost of the trip will be approx. **£1,300**, which includes all transport (including a coach for the duration of our stay in Sicily), entry fees for all excursions, full board accommodation (including a packed lunch each day), a guide and a tour t-shirt.

Although everything your child requires is included in the price of the trip we understand that the students like to take spending money. This is at your own discretion, however, we recommend that around **£40 (in Euros)** would be plenty for when in Sicily. Then perhaps **£10-20** for when we stop at service stations to and from the airport and at the airport itself. **Spending money** would be for things like snacks, ice cream, extra drinks and small mementos. Finally, your child needs to have an **up to date passport** and an **EHIC card** for this trip

NB: If your child's passport is out of date please renew it as soon as possible, from experience we know that if it is left until the summer months before the trip leaves, it can take a number of weeks. We need to give the travel company passport details IN MARCH 2019 so the tickets can be issued. If the deadline is missed then this will incur a charge which you will be required to pay.

We are aiming to take 46 students from Year 9. The trip is currently aimed at Year 9 GCSE Geography students; however, in the event that we do not recruit enough students we will open it up to non-geographers in Year 9. **Should we have a situation where more than 46 GCSE Geography students sign up to the trip we will select students via a random name generator to ensure it is fair.**

To secure a place for your child on this trip you need to bring in a number of items by **Friday 13th April 2018**:

- **Signed consent form (including: medical information, dietary requirements and swimming information)**
- **£200 deposit (cheques payable to 'Fulford School Fund')**
- **Photocopy of passport and EHIC card (if they have one)**

Please ensure that all these items are placed in an envelope with your child's name, form and 'Sicily Geography Trip 2019' clearly written on the front.

Please note that the deposit of £200 is used to secure flights and is therefore non-refundable if you withdraw from the trip and a replacement cannot be found. We do make a reserve list of at least 10 students to avoid this situation occurring.

Once places have been confirmed, a schedule will be issued for paying the remainder of the cost along with more information regarding the exact itinerary of the trip. However, it is likely that the final payment will be due around **February 2019**.

If you have any questions or require any more information regarding this trip, please don't hesitate to contact Miss Brady.

Yours Faithfully

Miss R Brady

Geography Teacher



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SICILY TRIP

I am writing to inform you of the school policy on giving out medicines including paracetamol and ibuprofen.

We are **not allowed to give any child any medication without permission from the child's parents before we travel**, in writing (enclosed form).

If you wish for your child to be given any medication on the trip you will need to fill in the attached form and send it into school with the medicine. This applies to all medicines that your child may need, bearing in mind that antihistamines can help for insect bites/hay fever; some students have in the past needed them whilst being in a new environment, even if they have not suffered from hay fever elsewhere. We also recommend that your child carries travel sickness medication if they suffer from this, as we spend time travelling on coaches, boats and planes.

Yours Faithfully

R Brady
Trip Leader
Geography Teacher



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Consent Form to Attend an External Visit

Place of Visit: **SICILY TRIP**

Date of Visit: **14-19 JULY 2019**

Name of Pupil _____ Form _____

Address _____

Home Telephone No _____ Date of Birth _____

Telephone numbers where parents may be contacted:

Daytime _____

Evening _____

Please indicate with an * which two numbers should go on the phone tree.

Dietary Requirements:

Please say here if you child has any food allergies or if they are a vegetarian etc.

Medical Information

Name of Doctor _____

Telephone Number _____

Please give details of any medical conditions (including that of any close relatives on whom the trip may depend, Allergies and current medication

You provided medical information at the beginning of the School Year. Please indicate below if these details have changed.

Date of last Tetanus injection _____

Swimming Ability

I confirm that my child can confidently swim 50 metres

Signature

Date.....

*I do / do not consent to my son/daughter _____ attending the visit. I am satisfied that he/she is fit to attend the visit. I acknowledge the need for good conduct and responsible behaviour on his/her part.

* I agree / do not agree to my son/daughter being photographed during the visit.

* I agree /do not agree to my son/daughter being administered paracetamol or ibuprofen if necessary

I agree, unless otherwise indicated, to any emergency medical treatment necessary during the visit and understand this to include any emergency first-aid treatment by the qualified staff involved.

I believe that the information provided above is correct and will notify the course organiser of any changes as soon as possible

Signed _____
(Parent/Carer) * delete as appropriate

Date _____