



# BORDEN GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Borden Grammar School  
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Sittingbourne  
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Dear Parents/Carers,

## Re: SKIING TRIP 2020 TO PRATO NEVOSO, ITALY

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

**Passports & EHC Cards:** These have been slowly coming in. For those that are still outstanding then please make sure they are sent to me by **tomorrow, Friday 31 January 2020**.

**Departure:** We are due to leave school at 15:45 on Friday 14 February 2020. Consequently, your son is allowed to go home at 11.35 which is at the beginning of break, have a shower, have something to eat and get their luggage. Please arrive back at school, meeting in the Hall, by 14:30, as the coach is due to arrive shortly after this. There will be no parking on site to drop off students and their luggage so please be mindful of this when considering where to park. Please do not park in Remembrance Avenue as the school buses will need to be able to park to pick students up at the end of the school day. We are booked on the 18:20 DFDS Seaways Ferry from Dover and are expected to arrive in resort approximately 12:15 local time on Saturday 15 February 2020.

**Return:** We are due to leave the resort at 18:00 local time on Friday 21 February 2020 and return to school at approximately 11:00 on Saturday 22 February 2020. We hope to be on the 08:40 P & O Ferry from Calais. Please ensure you can be contacted by your son on the Saturday in case there is any change of plan. Your son can telephone you from Dover to confirm our arrival time.

### **Hotel:**

Residence Stalle Lunghe, Via Corona Boreale 41/43, 12083, Prato Nevoso, Frabosa Sottana CN, Italy

School Contact: Mr C Brinn 07872 824774  
Mrs S Smith 07976 539109

**Luggage:** Your son 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 suitcase. If your son is taking their own helmet this must be packed in the bag that is going in the 'boot' of the coach.



Headteacher: Mr G Mulligan BA (Hons) MBA



**Medication:** Mr Weller is the dedicated member of staff on the trip responsible for any medications and general first aid. If your son 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.

**Food and Drink:** We will stop for breakfast and possibly lunch on route for which your son will need 15-25 euros. He may also wish to bring some snacks and drinks for the journey. **Please do not give your son anything containing peanuts or nuts to bring on the coach.** We have a student going on the trip who has a severe nut allergy and must avoid nuts of any kind and at all costs. Our first cooked meal in resort will be an evening meal on Saturday 15 February 2020. 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/glass bottles or containers 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 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 choose to bring any such items or similar they are their responsibility.

**Seat belts:** The coach will have seat belts and your son will be expected to buckle up at all times when travelling on the coach.

**Money:** Italy operates within the Euro zone. We recommend about 80-120 Euros for the trip (small denominations). They will need to use this to pay for some of the evening entertainment once in resort. Please put this money in a sealed, named envelope. I will collect your son's money on the coach and store it safely at the hotel. Your son will be able to collect money from his 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 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 **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 Prato Nevoso 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 Weller, Mr Finch, Mr Dale and Mr Wyllie.

If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact me via email on [ecarter@bordengrammar.kent.sch.uk](mailto:ecarter@bordengrammar.kent.sch.uk) .

Yours sincerely



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**Head of Mathematics**