



19th September 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

Year 7 Spanish Trip to Barcelona, Spain (Friday 14th – Monday 17th June 2024)

I am delighted that your child has expressed an interest in the proposed trip to Spain next June. We will be travelling by air from Leeds/Bradford airport to Barcelona very early in the morning on Friday 14th June 2024, and then by coach to the nearby coastal resort of Calella. This will be the base for our programme of activities and excursions during the four-day (three night) trip, before returning via the same route on Monday 17th June 2024.

As you know, your child is learning Spanish within the curriculum, and this trip will give an exciting opportunity for our students to put their language into practice in real situations. However, this is essentially a fun and varied cultural visit, and our programme will include excursions to the Poble Espanyol ('Spanish Village') and Gaudí's Park Güell, a walking tour of Barcelona to take in sights such as the Sagrada Familia, Ramblas and Gothic Quarter and a visit to Barcelona Zoo. We also intend to spend one full day at Port Aventura, one of Europe's leading theme parks.

In order to keep the price as low as possible, I will once again be organising all aspects of the trip myself rather than using a tour company, providing a saving of over £120 per person. This means that we are able to run the trip for **£555** per person.

The cost includes all meals and full board accommodation in Spain, all travel costs, full insurance cover, all excursions and all entrance fees. It does not include spending money. I would also ask you to arrange your own transport to and from Leeds/Bradford airport. In order to run the trip at this price, we ask students to take hand luggage only.

Please note that, unlike in previous years, **students will require their own passport for this trip**. This must be valid until at least 17th September 2024 to meet entry requirements.

For this particular trip the school may be able to provide a subsidy to students who are currently in receipt of free school meals. If applicable, please contact me at school as soon as possible to discuss.

The school party insurance is comprehensive and covers personal accident, medical treatment, loss or damage to personal effects, cancellation due to unforeseen and unavoidable circumstances, and other standard risks. A copy of the policy will be made available at a later date to parents/carers of students participating in the trip.

Those students wishing to be part of this trip should bring the completed slip (see bottom of attached form) to the **Finance Office** by **Friday 29th September 2023**. By this same date, please also pay an initial **deposit of £100 using the online payment system**. If this short deadline causes particular problems, please do contact me directly as soon as possible. Likewise, if you are unable to use the online payment system, please contact the Finance Office for assistance or to make alternative arrangements.

Further payments (using the online payment system) are then required as follows:

28 th October 2023	£60
28 th November 2023	£60
28 th December 2023	£60
28 th January 2024	£55
28 th February 2024	£55
28 th March 2024	£55
28 th April 2024	£55
28 th May 2024	£55

It is anticipated that demand for this trip may exceed the number of places available. In the event of this happening, names will be “drawn out of a hat”. Therefore, receipt of the deposit must not be taken as a guarantee of a place. Students will be informed as soon as possible whether or not they have a place, and deposits will be returned, where appropriate. We have operated this system for many years now, and believe it to be the fairest way of allocating places. **Please do not apply for a place for your child if you are not happy with this.**

In fairness to all students, may I stress that should your child take up a place on the trip, this will be taken as a **firm commitment**. In the event of a student withdrawing from the party, a refund of monies already paid can normally only be given if cancellation is covered by the terms of the insurance.

Finally, for Health and Safety reasons, students who have, or later develop, a record of poor behaviour in school may not be permitted to participate in this trip.

There will, of course, be a meeting for all parents/carers and students concerned shortly before the trip departs next year. In the meantime, if you have any immediate questions regarding the visit, please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Yours faithfully

Mr C Lillington
Assistant Headteacher: Learning Community
Trip Leader