

19 March 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

I write to finalise the arrangements for our Italy visit departing on Friday 4 April. The channel crossing is late afternoon, therefore, we will be leaving school early on Friday.

- Students do not have to attend school in the morning. All ski trip participants will be given an authorised absence mark for the day which will not affect their attendance figures
- Students should come in for **10:45am** and should bring their bags to the canopy at the front of school. The coach will depart promptly at 11:30am. Please be aware that if you are late, we will regrettably be forced to leave without you as we have a ferry crossing to make!
- If students need to come in to school in the morning, they should attend in their comfortable travel clothing. Bags must be taken to the PE office where they will be stored until 10:45am. Students will need to attend normal lessons until 10:45am
- All medication should be in a clear bag that is named and handed to staff on arrival in the morning. Instructions should be written on the front of the bag under the student's name for staff to help with administration. All medication will be held by the school's first aiders
- Ski trip hoodies will be given out on the morning of departure and will be worn by all students and staff when travelling to help us identify students
- You are welcome to remain at the school to wave your child off, but unfortunately, will not be allowed into the school building as normal lessons will be in progress.

On departure day, students should bring the following. One soft main bag to be stowed under the coach, one travel bag, medicine bag (if required) and a pillow. There is a ski checklist attached to ensure your child has all the necessary equipment. Loose-fitting comfortable clothes and shoes/boots are recommended for travelling.



While we are away

We will be updating the school Facebook page with pictures and daily updates. In the event that you have an emergency at home and need to contact your child, please call the emergency contact number 07837 520534 or 07905 494401. **Please save these numbers into your phones, however, please note this is for emergency use only.** If your child is bringing a mobile phone, we ask that you *do not* call them direct, and instead use the emergency numbers above. In our experience, phone calls from home can unsettle a student already feeling homesick. Being independent and away from home is an important part of the experience. If you need us, please call and we can arrange for you to speak to your child.

In the event of us needing to contact you, please make sure your details on EduLink are correct and up to date, especially if you are intending to go away.

Should you have any last-minute enquiries, then please email nleppard@stourvalley.org and I will be happy to help.

Yours faithfully

Mr N Leppard
Head of PE | Ski Trip Leader



Ski Packing Checklist 2025

One main bag - soft bag for carrying main gear (max size 70cm x 35cm x 35cm)

Night clothes
Ski socks (2 pairs minimum)
Ski gloves
Goggles
Sunglasses
Hat
Thick jumper/fleece
Thermal layers
Sunscreen (minimum of factor 30 - preferably factor 50)
Ski trousers/salopettes
Casual wear - tee shirts, jeans etc.
Plastic bags/bin liners for dirty clothing (named please)
Toiletries – **no aerosol deodorant or body sprays. Roll-ons only please.** Aerosols will be disposed of as the hotel does not allow them
Travel plug-adaptors (if necessary)
House shoes/crocs/flip-flops/slippers - indoor shoes for wearing inside the hotel. Outdoor shoes are not permitted in the hotel.

One travel bag - rucksack for the coach

Food
Water/drinks - **no caffeinated drinks are allowed. These will be disposed of**
Jacket
Chargers
Entertainment - books, magazines, tablet, phone etc. (Optional and brought at your own risk)
Wash bag (for brushing teeth in the morning at services)
Pocket money.

