

## ITALIAN EXPEDITION IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Dear Parents & Explorers

Our Italy Expedition is fast approaching and is just over five weeks away. This letter contains key information, times and dates for the trip.

**PC (Permission to Camp) Form** – Please complete the attached PC Form and return on Tues 20<sup>th</sup> July.

**Home Contact** – Will be Sue Butler whose details are on the tear off part of the 'Permission to Camp Form'. If there is an emergency and you need to contact your child while we are away in all instances contact Sue only. Sue will contact us accordingly. Please do not phone Explorers or leaders directly.

**Passports** – we require two photocopies of each Explorers passport and EHIC card on one sheet of paper as set out at the back of this letter. We require this on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July.

All original passports & EHIC cards will be collected in on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> August.

**EHIC Card** – If you have not obtained one yet please visit [www.ehic.co.uk](http://www.ehic.co.uk)

**Kit Check** – A full expedition kit check will take place on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> at 19.00, expedition rucksacks will remain at the hall to be loaded after this date.

All expedition food will also need to be brought down on this evening.

**Luggage** – A maximum of

- 1 x Expedition Rucksack
- 1 x Holdall
- 1 x Daysack ( for flight )

Explorers will not have access to their Holdalls until the afternoon after the walking expeditions finish. Therefore one change of clothes will be needed in their daysack on the plane.

**Uniform** - Please bring full Uniform in a labelled Suit bag, these will be hung in the lorry.

**WE HAVE WEIGHT LIMIT RESTRICTIONS SO PLEASE PACK SENSIBLY. ANY EXTREMELY HEAVY BAGS WILL BE CHECKED**

Except for Expedition Kit all other Holdalls, uniform bags and cakes will need to be brought to the Hall for 10.00 on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> August.

**Medication** – All medications to be brought to Scout Hall on Mon 16<sup>th</sup>, clearly labelled and with instructions.

**Cakes** – Please can each explorer bring one homemade cake preferably fruit due to the temperature – however chocolate brownies are more than welcome, labelled “*for the attention of Martin*”. This is also to be brought down on Monday 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Departure Time** – We shall be meeting at Sainsbury’s Car Park Rustington @ **05.15 (am) on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>** and making a **prompt** departure.

**Return Time** – We shall arrive back in Rustington @ **21.30 on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup>**, this is very dependent on how on time the return flight is. If for any reason we are delayed you will be contacted by Sue Butler.

The lorry will not return until the following afternoon. We will advise when lorry is back.

**Travelling** – We will be travelling in Blue Polo shirts & whatever Explorers feel comfortable travelling in.

**The Flight** – due to the many restrictions imposed on flights, any drinks will need to be purchased after security. We do suggest you bring some snacks as we will not be able to offer food until we arrive in Aosta mid afternoon on Wednesday.

**Please can you check the airlines / airports policy on what you can bring in your daysack.**

**Spending Money** - £10 per day we ( £100 will be more than adequate ). Please ensure that each explorer has two wallets/purse; one to keep daily money in and one to store in minibus safe.

**Exam Results** – The Exam results will be released while we are away, we will ensure all Explorers can obtain their results and call home/ clearing etc.

**Mobile Phones** – Explorers are welcome to bring their mobile phones, however these will all be collected in as soon as we arrive at Aosta and distributed once or twice during the trip.

If you have any questions, problems or queries please do not hesitate to call me on 07941 342520 or speak to one of the leaders.

Yours in scouting

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## KEY DATES & TIMES

<b>PC/ Form Passport Ehic</b>	Tues 20 <sup>th</sup>	@ 20.00	Scout Hall	Copy of Passport & Copies & Ehic & PC Form
<b>Kit Check</b>	Mon 9 <sup>th</sup>	@ 19.00	Scout Hall	All Kit, Passports & Ehic card
<b>Kit to be at Hall</b>	Mon 16 <sup>th</sup>	@ 10.00	Scout Hall	Holdall, Uniform, Cakes
<b>Departure</b>	Weds 18 <sup>th</sup>	@ 05.15am	Sainsbury's	with snacks
<b>Return</b>	Sun 30 <sup>th</sup>	@ 21.30	Scout Hall	

