



December 2018

Dear parent,

Each year the first year class group have the possibility of travelling to Rome at the end of the school year. They stay with Italian families while there. This year the Italian school with whom we link will not be coming to Ireland.

Attached you will find

- (a) Outline details on the trip to Rome in June 2019
- (b) A form for completion and returning **by January 9** if you wish your son to travel. All first year students are requested to return the form, even if they do not intend to travel. (Deposits should be paid with the form.)

I look forward to hearing from you.

Mark Hamilton
Principal

ITALY TRIP – OUTLINE DETAILS

Outline Plan: depart 31 May & return 6 June 2019 (provisional dates).

Boys to meet at the airport – possibly early morning, and to be collected from airport on return. Details will be provided regarding baggage requirements etc. in early May.

Accommodation is with hosting families in Rome from Junior School with whom we have had an exchange relationship for over twenty-five years. Hosting families are allocated on the day of travel.

Daily plan will include, at a minimum: visit to the Vatican and its museums, St. Peter's, the Catacombs, the Coliseum and Forum and the beautiful 'Piazas' of the city. Possibility of attending a papal audience. Interaction with boys at Junior School, including attending classes & some sports activities.

Cost will be €650. This price includes air fares, accommodation, travel insurance, food, local transport and all gallery or other entrance fees. Recommended pocket money: €100 maximum (as all expenses are included).

Payment dates

Non-refundable* deposit of €150 by 9 January 2019 (This deposit only becomes non-refundable when the flights are booked)

Second installment (€250) by 1 April 2019

Balance (€120) by 11 May 2019

(If for some good reason a person is unable to travel the second and third payments (less maximum of approx. €50) are refundable)

All first year families are asked to please return the attached expression of interest form, whether your son is going or not. **For those boys wishing to go a deposit of €150 is due by 9 January with the form. Flights may be booked in January.**

Please note

Travelling on a school trip requires that the leaders in charge take responsibility for all students in their care. Young people must have sufficient maturity to take and follow instructions and to look after their own belongings. Teachers also must have a high degree of certainty that those in their care will respond positively to commands given and not get involved in unruly or ill-advised behaviour. Students wishing to go on school trips must seek permission and receive permission from the school management. Poor behaviour in the school, especially around issues of respect for teachers and fellow students and responsiveness to school rules, or if it is consistent poor behaviour, may lead to a student not being eligible for a school trip.

It is unusual for a student to be prohibited from attending a school trip. However, payment of a deposit does not guarantee that a student will be allowed participate, should his behaviour not meet the standard required by school management.

TRAVELLING TO ITALY

In response to the letter regarding the First Year Italy trip,

I wish to confirm that my son: _____ **will go** on the Italy trip.

Signed _____

OR I wish to confirm that my son: _____ **will not go** on the trip.

Complete details below (if going)

Name (as it appears on his passport) _____

Date of birth _____ Nationality _____

Passport Number _____ Passport expiry date _____

ATTACH PHOTOCOPY OF PASSPORT PAGE.

If the passport will expire before the return from this trip, please take steps now to ensure that a new passport is ordered, and ensure that the name on it is the name given above. If the passport is being changed it is important that you record that information here as flights may be booked using the passport numbers and thus flight tickets may be invalidated.

My son's passport is being changed / renewed in (state when) _____ and I expect to have updated passport details by _____ (state when).

I will forward a non-refundable deposit of €150 by 9 January. I will pay the second installment by 1 April (€250) and the final installment (€120, or €250 if not hosting) by 11 May.

I enclose a deposit of _____

Cheque _____ Cash _____ Other _____

Signed: _____ Date _____

Address _____

Contact telephone _____

Contact email (if available) _____

Please return this Form to the school secretary by 9 January 2019.

If payment is direct to Rockbrook Park School (No. 1 account) then the details are as follows

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IBAN: IE21 AIBK 9332 9535 6483 73