



Wednesday 29th January 2020

RE: YEAR 6 TRIP TO Rome – May and June 2021

Dear Parents

I am writing to you about the Y6 trip to Rome in the summer term of 2021. We currently have 2 weeks booked at the Villa Palazzola (<https://www.palazzola.it>) where one class will visit the week of the 17th May and the other, the week of the 7th June.

The school trips to Rome began back in 2012 and continue to be extremely popular, with most children going each year. The children have gained so much from these visits, creating lasting memories whilst giving them the opportunity to practise their Italian.

Since 2012 the school has been in the position to be able to subsidize the week by covering the cost of the coloured t-shirts (c £660) and the coaches in the UK (c£805) and in Italy (c£5000 for both weeks). Unfortunately, due to reasons such as the increase of classes in each year from one form to two forms and to the government financial restraints we've recently experienced, moving forward, we are unfortunately no longer able to subsidize the trip. It therefore means that the cost of the week will rise from £425 to around £535. I felt it necessary to inform you as soon as possible so that this can be managed and facilitated the best way possible for us all.

I understand that this is a significant increase and please believe me when I say that this decision was not taken lightly. But with such the changes that I mentioned above, the school is unfortunately no longer in the position to cover this cost.

Please note - If your child is in receipt of the pupil premium grant the trip remains free for them.

Bearing in mind, this is the first year this increase has occurred, I would welcome any suggestions or ideas in making this cost as manageable as possible for all concerned. Please do feel free to come and discuss any suggestions/ideas/concerns you may have, I would only be too happy to assist.

Yours sincerely

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