



# WILLIAM FARR

C of E Comprehensive School

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Dear Parent / Guardian

It is now not long before we leave for the 2024 Ski Course to Bormio. Attached to this letter is a final general information sheet and itinerary, highlighting key elements of the trip.

At this stage, I need to collect your child's passport and European/Global Health Insurance Card (EHIC/GHIC). Both of these need to be given directly to myself in a sealed envelope, your child's name clearly written on the front. Both the passport and the EHIC/GHIC will be kept in the school safe. I must have these by **Friday 23 February** so details can be checked and processed ahead of the online check-in for our flights. If your child does not yet have an EHIC, or it has expired, or will expire before the end of the course, you can apply for a new one online. Please use the following website as others may charge a handling fee that is unnecessary. The application for new GHICs is around 2 weeks. <https://www.nhs.uk/using-the-nhs/healthcare-abroad/apply-for-a-free-uk-global-health-insurance-card-ghic/>

Could I please also ask for your child's medical consent and code of conduct form to be returned on the same date. It is essential that the medical information you provided me with is complete and fully up to date. If there have been any changes, please let me know as soon as possible.

Finally, all up-to-date information in the final build-up to the course will be found on the school website. As well as pre-course information, we will post photos, a blog and any news from the course as the week away progresses. Simply go to: [William Farr C of E Comprehensive School - Trips](#)

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at school.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S Willett'.

**Mr S Willett**  
**Ski Course Leader**



### Bormio 2024 – General Information

The following is a general information list, as well as a basic itinerary for travel arrangements, drop-off and pick-up times and other useful hints and advice to ensure that we all have a fantastic experience throughout the Ski Course.

1. Pick-up: From William Farr School main car park at **02:00am on Saturday 23 March** – this will be confirmed closer to departure.  
Drop-off: in the main car park at school at approximately **9:30pm on Saturday 30 March**.  
The school website will have an active up-to-date feed with travel information that you can monitor for accurate arrival time.
2. **\*\*please note these are different to the details given out in November\*\***  
  
Outbound: flying out from **London Heathrow Airport at 09:20am on Saturday 23 March on flight BA0576**.  
  
Inbound: returning from **Milan Bergamo at 17:05pm (local time) on Saturday 30 March on flight FR4190**. **\*\*please note we are now flying back into London Stansted\*\***
3. Baggage allowance: British Airways – Hand 5 Kilograms – Hold 23 Kilograms. Ski Helmets should go in your hold bags if you're taking your own.
4. Money: 50-80 Euros. You will only need to buy drinks, sweets and extra food at lunchtimes on the piste, 5 Euros for the Pizza Evening, 5 Euros for your lift pass deposit and a souvenir whilst in Bormio. You may want to pack a breakfast for the journey down to the airport or have money for services (in sterling).
5. Wear warm and comfortable clothing on the coach/plane journey.
6. A pair of **ski socks** should be at the top of your suitcase for ski fitting when we arrive at the resort.
7. Food: The journey should take 10 - 12 hours. You may wish to take extra food with you. No meals are provided on the plane (refreshments can be purchased on the plane, airline food is not cheap!!). Any drinks taken must be consumed before the security check at the airport. Any food wanted in Italy should be packed in hold luggage, not hand luggage.
8. Liquids over 100ml are not allowed through security at the airport, this includes liquid makeup and creams. Any bottles of 100ml or greater must go into your hold luggage and not your carry-on bags.
9. Valuables are your responsibility. Please, no music equipment with extra speakers. iPods/MP3 players are fine, but with your own earphones. All electrical items in luggage.
10. Asthma sprays and any other required medication needs to be accessible and kept in hand luggage for the journey. Any controlled medication needs to be checked with the medical professional (Ms Hedley) on arrival at school before getting on the coach. You will need evidence of prescriptions, either in the form of the prescription or a letter from your GP.



11. Safety Rules on the Piste and in the Hotel: These are in your Ski Diary, read and take note. These are for your safety and the safety of others – diaries will be given out on arrival at the hotel.
12. When you arrive at the resort, you will be required to complete a room damage report. This is your responsibility. Any damage caused will be charged to the room. Be warned!
13. Skiing: 5 hours each day. The approximate times of a skiing day will be (subject to change based on Ski School request):

06:00/06:30	Breakfast
9:00 – 12:00	Lesson
12:00 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 16:00	Lesson
19:00	Dinner
22:00	Bedtime

14. There is NO free skiing at ALL under any circumstances, off-Piste skiing is not allowed unless under the direct supervision of ski school staff. Once the lessons have finished, you are not allowed to ski and will be given clear instructions from school staff.
15. Après-Ski: Activities ranging from (time and weather dependent): Ice-Skating, quizzes, a pizza meal away from the hotel and a cultural evening in resort. Apart from the Pizza evening, entertainments are free. There will be at least one shopping trip to Bormio village centre – the buying of ‘weapons’ including flick-knives, firecrackers/fireworks, alcohol, unauthorised substances and cigarettes, e-cigarettes, e-liquid, etc; is illegal or not allowed on this trip.
16. Insurance: Insurance claims will not be considered on return to the UK, unless lost or damaged items have been reported immediately to a member of staff who will complete the necessary report form. Without this form, we have no confirmation that an item has been lost or damaged. There is an excess for each item. If you have bought new ski clothing, I emphasise the importance of retaining receipts. If a claim has to be made, the insurance company will require receipts to be produced before paying out. Baggage damage must be reported to a teacher immediately.
17. Party Discipline and Organisation
  - i) you will only be allowed out of the Hotel at the discretion of a member of staff. A member of staff will be in attendance at any off-site activities.
  - ii) Lights out 10.30pm (approx.).
  - iii) No girls in boys’ rooms or boys in girls’ rooms – stay in your own rooms.
  - vi) No smoking (including e-cigarettes or vaping), drinking alcohol or taking any unauthorised substances by pupils.
  - v) For security in rooms, keys are to be left in the Hotel at all times.
  - vi) Rooms must always be kept tidy – there will be a prize for the best kept room.
  - vii) High standards of dress and behaviour will be expected at all times.
  - viii) Read the fire code in your diary. Know where the emergency exits are in the Hotel (we will show you).

18. Bring games, cards, etc in case of inclement weather.



19. You may bring your mobile phone/tablets, but if there is an incident or problem, you must speak to a teacher before worrying your parents or someone else's. As the majority of students now have their own mobile phones, we are not going to use the telephone cascade system as in previous years. Staff will pass on relevant information (safe arrival/delays, etc) to pupils and update the school website daily. Emergency information will obviously be passed on directly to you by myself, staff or the school itself. Staff have the right to collect any or all mobile phones from pupils if there is due need.
20. Any problems, please talk to a member of staff, do not wait till you return to school.
21. Any unacceptable behaviour will result in loss of skiing.

By reading, understanding and following all these points you will have a great trip.

**Mr S Willett**  
**Ski Course Leader**