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Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Sicily 2025 –20th May Update

We are excited to confirm that we will be staying at **Hotel delle Palme 3* in Letojanni** during our stay in Sicily. We are now finalising the room arrangements, which will consider learner preferences.

For safeguarding reasons, learners will NOT be permitted to access bedrooms other than their own and mobile device use is discouraged in bedrooms, other than for setting alarms. There will be plenty of open spaces, which we will utilise to meet as a group for briefings on the day's activities. To protect all learners, we will reserve the right to restrict usage or confiscate devices for inappropriate use.

All learners MUST attend a final meeting in D4 on Wednesday 18th June at 3.15 - 4 pm.

Upon our arrival, learners will settle into the hotel and there may be an opportunity to go for a short walk to the local beach. We will be back for our evening meal reservation at the hotel. There is a small rooftop swimming pool at the hotel, which we will factor in time for outside of our planned activities. **Please be aware that there will be rules to follow to ensure everyone's safety and consideration of other guests;** such as staying within designated areas and prohibited activities. A member of our staff **MUST ALWAYS** be present before learners enter the water at the beach or swimming pool.

Consumption of alcoholic or drug substances, smoking and vaping are strictly prohibited. The legal age to drive a jet ski in Italy is 18 so learners will **not** be able to access these during any trips to the beach. Failure to meet any expectation (including following instructions and directions from staff and tour-guides) may result in suspension from activities and further consequences upon our return. This is to ensure that all learners have a safe and enjoyable experience on the trip.

Overleaf is a helpful **kit list** to support your packing. Please note that hotels in Italy require a damage deposit of €15 per person, which is refundable upon check-out. We ask that learners give this cash to staff to keep safe at the start of the trip, which will go in a named sealed envelope. All items are the responsibility of learners to keep safe, including passports, cash and devices.

Below is a reminder of our itinerary. **Learners will be expected in school as normal on Monday 23rd and 30th June. Absence will be unauthorised outside of the trip dates.**

Day 1 24 th June	Coach meets at school from 02:30am. Departing around 2.45am. Departure: Jet2 1719 - Manchester Airport departing at 07:40am Arrival to Catania Airport at 12:10pm Fly to Catania, Italy then private coach transfer to Sicily to check in to our accommodation, beach trip and enjoy an evening meal in the hotel. <i>Children aged 14 or older must pay a tourism tax at 1.5 Euro per night, and a damage deposit will be taken at a refundable cost of 15 Euro per person.</i>
Day 2	Breakfast in accommodation. Private coach transfer to activities. Packed lunch. Full day at Mount Etna including a cabin lift, 4x4 minibus and alpine guide. Evening meal at accommodation.



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Day 3	Breakfast in accommodation. Private coach transfer to activities. Packed lunch. Full day guided tour of Lipari and volcano islands including Milazzo mini cruise. Evening meal at our accommodation.
Day 4 27th June	Breakfast in accommodation. Full Day Alcantara Gorges and Cyclops Riviera - Local Guide. Pasta lunch in Catania. Return flight to UK and arrival back at school. Departure: Jet2 1720 – Catania Airport to Manchester Airport at 21:55 Arrival at Manchester Airport at 00:35 Coach arrival at school from 03:00am (28 th June)

Sicily Kit List – 22kg suitcase allowance + hand luggage

Clothing for day activities and evening meals:

- Trip hoody for travel days.
- A thin, light jacket or cardigan for cooler spots.
- Tops: 3-5 lightweight short-sleeve shirts or tops.
- Bottoms: 2-3 pairs of shorts or skirts, and 1 pair of lightweight long trousers (like linen or cotton). Some may wish to pack 1-2 lightweight dresses.
- Swimwear: 1-2 swimsuits.
- Underwear and Socks: 7 pairs of underwear and 3-5 pairs of socks.
- Shoes: 1-2 pairs of comfortable walking shoes, sandals or flip-flops, and trainers.

Remember – You are on a school trip, not family holiday, so please pack appropriate clothing. You will also need comfortable trainers or walking boots for some activities with lots of walking.

Accessories:

- Sun Protection: A hat or cap, sunglasses with UV protection, and sunscreen.
- Bags: A small daypack for daily excursions
- Towels: You may want an extra towel for the beach, pool and on the boat.

Toiletries and Essentials:

- Money: Credit/debit cards and some cash in pounds for the airports, and euros for extra spending (no more than €200 advised). **All learners must give staff the refundable damage deposit of 15 Euro per person at the start of the trip. Children aged 14 or older must pay an additional tourism tax at 1.5 Euro per night at the hotel.**
- Travel Documents: Passport and additional travel insurance information that you may wish to take out beyond that provided to all learners by Equity.
- Toiletries: Travel-sized shampoo, conditioner, body wash, toothbrush, toothpaste, after-sun lotion, and any personal hygiene products.
- First Aid: Small first aid kit with band-aids, pain relievers, and any personal medication.
- Electronics: Mobile phone, charger, and a universal power adapter.
- Other: camera and reusable water bottle.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Miss L. Williams (Trust Curriculum Leader of Geography)



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