

October 2019



Dear Parent/Carer

Y9 Study Visit to Tossa de Mar, Spain - Monday 13th – Friday 17th July 2020

The Spanish Department is planning a study visit to Tossa de Mar, north-eastern Spain for pupils in July 2020. The aim of the visit is to improve the pupils' confidence in Spanish and to give them an insight into, and a real enthusiasm for the Spanish language and culture.

The travel dates are as follows: **Monday 13th – Friday 17th July 2020 (5 days 4 nights)**

Accommodation

We will be staying at the 4-star hotel, **Hotel Tossamar**, which has easy access to the town. All rooms in the hotel have en-suite double or triple rooms and there is an outdoor swimming pool and air conditioning. Accommodation is half-board.

Activities and Visits

There will be a wide range of visits and activities organised during the day which will combine language work and cultural enrichment. Pupils will be expected to complete a very detailed study booklet and do lots of street interviews during the visit, and to engage in a number of language learning tasks and study sessions.

- Visit to Barça's Camp Nou football stadium
- Visit to a chocolate museum where the pupils get to make their own chocolates
- Visit to the Waterworld Water Park at Lloret de Mar
- Visit to the Pueblo Español (typical Spanish villages from different Spanish regions in one open air location)
- Visit to local market
- Group activities on the beach

Travel

Travel is by coach to **Luton Airport and then by plane to Barcelona** and finally coach from Barcelona to Tossa de Mar (approximately 1 hour).

Payment

If the trip is to go ahead **a voluntary contribution of £620 is required**, depending on the number of participants. This includes travel by plane, transfers, insurance, half-board accommodation, all trips and any entrance fees required.

Executive Headteacher: Roisin Paul

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In certain circumstances the school may be able to offer a small financial contribution towards the trip costs for some students. However this only applies to those educational visits that form an essential core curriculum element of the subject, it does not include trips considered to be extra curricula or enrichment activities/visits.

The payment schedule is as follows:

- 1st deposit (non-refundable) £250 by Monday 21 October 2019
- 2nd staged payment £150 due by Friday 17 January 2020
- 3rd deposit £110 due by Friday 6 March 2020
- 4th deposit and final payment £110 due by Friday 8th May 2020

If a student drops out, and the flights have been booked, it is not possible to get the flight cost back, unless a replacement is found. Even then there is still an admin charge for the name change and a charge for any increase in the price of the seat. The travel company's Terms and Conditions of cancellation are:

- After the first deposit but before the due date of the second deposit: 1st deposit forfeit
- After the second deposit until 84 days of departure: 1st & 2nd deposit forfeit
- 85 to 29 days of departure: 75% of departure price forfeit
- 28 days to departure date of invoiced holiday: 100% of the holiday price forfeit

If you wish your son/daughter to take part, please send a **non-refundable deposit of £250.00**. Cheques must be made payable to Silverdale School, and taken to the **Student Receptionist** in an envelope clearly marked with **Spain Y9 Trip 2020** and your child's name and form. Alternatively you can pay securely online using your school ParentPay account or in cash at local stores where you see the PayPoint logo. **Please do not send cash in to school with your child.**

The deadline for deposits is Monday 21st October 2019

Gaining a place on the excursion will **NOT** be on a first come, first served basis. Numbers will be counted after the deadline for deposits and in the event of the trip being oversubscribed, all names will be drawn out of a hat at random, creating a list of firm participants and a reserve list. If after the deadline, a pupil declines a place, deposits are non-refundable unless a replacement can be found.

Brexit

As you are aware, the UK government continues to have discussions with the European Union regarding the UK's exit from the union. Please be aware that the arrangements contained within this letter are provided to parents based on the latest information given to us at the time of issue. However once the UK's position is clearer we may need to write to you again to advise of possible changes to costs, travel or customs arrangements. We will continue to monitor the situation closely and provide parents with further updates as we receive them from our tour operator. Please see this link to a government website regarding passports <https://www.gov.uk/visit-europe-brexit>

Please contact me at school if you have any questions. Further details about the Excursion will be given in due course.

Yours sincerely



Mrs S Gilliland
Subject Leader: Spanish

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Silverdale School - Y9 Spain 2020

Name of Student _____ Form _____

I would like my son/daughter to take part in the Y9 Spanish Study Visit to Spain in July 2020 and I enclose a deposit of **£250.00**. I understand that should my child drop out of this trip then my **£250.00** is non-refundable unless a replacement pupil can be found. **The deadline for deposits is Monday 21st October 2019**

Name of student as it appears on passport _____

Date of Birth _____

Passport Number _____

Passport Issue Date _____

Passport Expiry Date _____

If passport not British/which nationality _____

If your child's current passport has expired and you are applying for a new one, please tick box

EHIC (European Health Insurance Card)
expiry date _____

Please can you confirm any dietary requirements we need to know about ie vegetarian/food allergies etc

Please let us know about any medical conditions we would need to know about

Signed _____ (Parent/Carer) Date _____

Please ensure your child has any medications with them for the trip if they are necessary ie epipen/asthma inhaler