



KAM03AT

September 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 9 Spanish Trip to Andalucía - Thursday 15 to Monday 19 February 2024

We are planning to take a party of forty students, accompanied by four members of staff, to Andalucía in Spain, if there is sufficient demand. The five-day tour includes a departure date of Thursday 15 February and a return date of Monday 19 February 2024.

The aim of the trip is to introduce students to Spanish life and culture and to further develop their level of Spanish by giving them the confidence to speak the language. They will learn how to cope linguistically in situations encountered on a visit abroad.

Andalucía is in the south of Spain, an area rich in tradition and history. We will visit the Mezquita and the Alcázar de los Reyes Cristianos in Córdoba, Málaga including the cathedral, the old town and the Picasso Museum, Mijas and Bioparc in Fuengirola. We shall be staying in the seaside resort of Benalmádena which offers opportunities to experience Spanish life at first hand.

The total cost of the trip is £785. This includes:

- Travel from West Kirby to Manchester airport
- Return flights
- Use of the coach for transport to excursion destinations.
- Full board
- Insurance
- Entrance fees to places of interest
- Chocolate workshop at Mayan Monkeys, Mijas

Your child/ward will be required to have their own passport.

If you would like your child/ward to participate, please pay online a deposit of £300 and give consent, by **Monday 2 October 2023**, (if this is likely to cause any financial difficulties, please contact Mr S Clarke, Headteacher, in confidence by email to office@wkgs.net). Please ensure you provide any appropriate additional information on the electronic consent form when paying online. Please also complete the attached slip giving passport information and return it to Mr Malhi once payment of the deposit has been made.

This deposit is non-refundable once the trip is confirmed. However, the places for this trip are limited and if oversubscribed participants will be decided by random draw.

Further Payments

A final payment of £485 is due by **Friday 10 November 2023** and payments can be made in instalments to this date. Please accept our apologies for the brief time frame, which is a result of price negotiations.

Passports

Please complete the slip below and return to Mr Malhi. We ask that you are very precise with your information, as incorrect paperwork could have far-reaching consequences at the time of travel. If your child/ward does not have a passport, please make an application as a matter of urgency and send the details to Mr Malhi as soon as the passport arrives. **Please note:** Select School Travel has advised that, in line with current government guidelines, passports should have at least **six months** until expiry from the date of travel, 15 - 19 February 2024. Passports must therefore be valid until 20 August 2024 as a MINIMUM.

Visa Requirements

At the time of writing, UK passport holders do not require a visa to enter Spain, as long as they have not spent more than 90 days in the previous 180 days in a Schengen area country. If you believe that this may be the case, please contact Mr Malhi.

Holders of EU passports will not need visas.

Entry requirements for holders of passports that are not British or EU will need to be met and please contact me as a priority so that arrangements can be made.

Entry requirements in response to Covid-19

At the time of writing, there are no requirements to be vaccinated against Covid-19 to enter Spain. We will, however, monitor this over the coming months, and applying for a place on the trip is taken as your consent to meet any future requirements. [Entry requirements - Spain travel advice - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/travel-advice)

Health Insurance Cards

If your child/ward has a European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) that will still be in date during the trip, they will be able to use this. If they do not, you will need to apply for Global Health Insurance Card here: <https://www.nhs.uk/using-the-nhs/healthcare-abroad/apply-for-a-free-uk-global-health-insurance-card-ghic/>. We have an extensive insurance policy but these cards allow for quick and easy access to healthcare in the unfortunate event it becomes necessary.

Yours faithfully

K Malhi

Mr K Malhi
Curriculum Coordinator for Spanish

The school has a blanket School Journey Insurance policy in place to provide appropriate cancellation, curtailment, medical and personal possessions cover. This policy also carries very limited personal accident insurance cover for students. As the school will not be liable for any injury arising from incidents beyond our direct control, parents may wish to consider purchasing their own personal accident cover to enhance the limited protection of this policy.

Passport Information Form Spanish Trip to Andalucía - FEBRUARY 2024

Name (EXACTLY as it appears on passport, including all middle names)

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Date of Birth:

Country of Issue:

Date of issue:

Expiry date:

Nationality (as listed on passport):

Gender:

Please return this slip to Mr Malhi by 2nd October.