

Trip to the Belgium Battlefields – Friday 1st Feb. 2019

IMPORTANT: Details of trip below

Dear Parent / Carer,

Please find below the details for the trip to Ypres, Belgium for Friday 1st February 2019.

Students going on the trip are asked to arrive at school by **6.15am**. Coaches are scheduled to arrive at 6.20am and will depart at **6.45am**.

These times are dictated by the Eurotunnel booking, we won't be able to wait for anyone who arrives late.

We will meet outside the school entrance. We are scheduled to return to the school at approximately 10.30pm. Parents should meet children in the same place.

Parents can track the progress of the coach on LJ Edwards website: www.ljedwards.co.uk/tracking . On the return trip we will also ask students to text when the coach is about 30 minutes away from Willingdon.

A reminder that your child **must bring his/her passport and their health card**. If they do not bring these items on the day, they will not be able to travel. (Please note that he/she will be responsible for looking after his/her passport for the duration of the trip.)

We have no firm weather forecast for Friday 1st February, but students should prepare for cold/very cold conditions with a possibility of snow. Students must bring cold weather clothing – coat, hat, scarf etc. and layers that can be removed when inside along with shoes with a good grip as the ground was very slippery last year.

Please also ensure your child has a spare pair of shoes/wellies and trousers/jeans as we will be visiting muddy trenches.

Please ensure that your also child brings:

1. Euros to purchase small souvenirs, etc. (20-30 Euros should be sufficient).
2. Enough food and drink for the day. Hot food can be purchased in Ypres town in the evening.
3. **If medication is needed, that he/she brings it with them and hands it to their group leader, along with a signed permission slip for the school first aid staff who would be in charge of administering any medication during the day. This includes any travel sickness medication. Medication must be in its original packaging and named.**
4. Please note that if your child wishes to bring their mobile phone and/or camera, they will be responsible for it during the trip.
5. If your child is prone to travel-sickness, please ensure that he/she takes their tablets prior to the journey. It would also be a good idea to carry some plastic bags, just in case.
6. Although your child will be in a group with a teacher when appropriate, please can you remind him/her of the need to be very careful when crossing roads and to remember that traffic travels on the right in Belgium.
7. Sensible behaviour is expected by all students at all times.

The emergency mobile phone number is **07970 191017**.

Yours sincerely



Mr G Ellwood
Trip Organiser