

Dear Parent or Guardian

28th September 2018

Re: Visit to Fusignano, Italy, Friday 17th to Friday 24th May 2019

Following the huge success of this trip in the last four years, we propose to take a group of twenty Year 8 pupils to visit Biddulph's twin town, Fusignano, Italy, from Friday 17th– Friday 24th May 2019. The precise itinerary is yet to be determined but is likely to include excursions to Marina Romea on the coast for a full day beach visit, the nearby market town of Lugo and other local places of interest. We will also spend a full day visiting Bologna, participate in the Fusignano Colour Move and take part in a pasta workshop. We will spend some mornings at Luigi Battaglia Middle School, where Woodhouse pupils will experience life in an Italian school, assist in English lessons and compete for the Woodhouse-Luigi Battaglia Sports Trophy.

Travel will be by coach from Woodhouse Academy and Ryanair flights from Manchester airport to Bologna, and coach from Bologna to Fusignano. Accommodation will be in two or three bedded rooms in Hotel Pavone, where we will also have breakfast. Lunch will be provided free of charge, either by the school in the canteen, the Twinning Committee or by the Italian parents on the day of the Colour Move. The Twinning Committee in Fusignano will arrange the catering for our evening meals at no extra cost. Last year we enjoyed a variety of lovely pasta dishes, pizza and barbequed food.

The cost of the trip will provisionally be £600 and will include all aspects of the trip except spending money. Flight will include a checked in baggage allowance of 15kg, as well one small piece of hand luggage. Due to the volatility of the euro, certain costs, such as the cost of the accommodation and coach travel from Bologna to Fusignano, may rise: in this event we regrettably may need to request additional funding from you. We will advise you of this as soon as possible.

All pupils interested in this visit must be prepared to attend regular weekly sessions on a lunchtime, where pupils will write e-mails to Luigi Battaglia pupils and learn some Italian useful for their stay. As initial interest has suggested this visit will be heavily oversubscribed, selection will take place based on behaviour record in school and then finally by drawing names randomly.

If your child is interested, please complete the tear-off strip below and return to school by no later than Thursday 4th October. We will then advise you if your child has been successful in gaining a place and ask for the non-refundable payment of £190 via parentpay in order to book flights and travel insurance. We will also require a copy of the photo page of your child's passport or alternatively a copy of his/her birth certificate at the same time as receiving the deposit. There will then be three further deadlines (to be advised) for payment by instalment via Parent Pay. Updates and advice will be given throughout the year and there will be a pre-trip meeting for parents and pupils two weeks before departure.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs J. Ridgeon
Teacher of Modern Foreign Languages

Name:

Form:

My son/ daughter would like to be considered for the trip to Fusignano.