

Dear Parents.

Poland: Sunday 12th – Wednesday 15th March.

I am writing to confirm final arrangements for the Poland trip.

Please do not arrive at Chapel High School before 14.20 as the gates will not be open until then. The coach will then leave at 14.30 am.

Please ensure that your child has their passport and EHIC card ready to hand to their group leader as they board the coach.

Please ensure that your child has either a packed dinner (no drinks as we have to go through customs) or a suggested allowance of **£7.00** to cover the cost of dinner on Sunday evening. This can be bought at the airport once we have gone through customs or on the flight.

Students need to bring enough money for lunch and refreshments each day – a budget of about £10 equivalent per day should be sufficient. **This must be in Polish Zloty.**

Packing: When packing, students should make sure that they pack clothes suitable for **winter** weather in Krakow.

- Please note that the maximum baggage allowance is 10kg per person.
- Students **must have sensible walking shoes (we walked an average of 10 miles per day last year!)**
- Students must have a warm waterproof coat and layers. It is likely to be cold in Krakow, and the long-term forecast is predicting some rain (possibly snow) while we are there. We are outside for much of the trip and we want your child to be comfortable. Please keep an eye on the weather forecast and prepare accordingly. Clothes should be conservative: no vest tops, crop tops or tee-shirts with inappropriate logos/images.

Regarding security at the airport, students have been told to make sure that all toiletries are 100ml or less. These containers must be placed within a single, transparent, re-sealable plastic bag, which itself must not exceed 1litre in capacity (approximately 20cm x 20cm – a typical sandwich bag.) The contents must fit comfortably and the bag must seal.

Only ONE sealable, transparent bag of liquids is permitted per passenger, and must be presented for examination at the airport search area.

Please remember that 'Liquids' includes:

- All drinks, including water, soup, syrups
- Cosmetics, creams, lotions, oils, perfumes, mascara, etc
- Sprays and pressurized containers, shaving foam and deodorants
- Pastes, including toothpastes
- Gels, including hair and shower gel
- Any other solutions and items of similar consistency

Essential medicines may be permitted in larger quantities above the 100ml limit. Medicines must be prescribed by a doctor, and must clearly show the prescription label, which displays the passenger's name.

Students must also ensure that their bags do not contain any sharp objects (scissors, knives etc.) that are likely to be confiscated at security.

All of this must be done prior to travel, as we do not want the hassle of students trying to find (and pay for) plastic bags at the airport or having to unpack and remove items from their bags. Getting a large group of students through security is difficult at the best of times!

Please remember that we are travelling with hand baggage only, luggage must be smaller than the maximum size for cabin baggage. Ryanair guidance for this is currently a maximum of 55cm x 40cm x 20cm, including handles and wheels.

On Wednesday 15th March, we should arrive back at the school at around 9pm – 9.30pm. Staff will make sure your son or daughter lets you know once we have left Manchester Airport and are en route back to Chapel, so they can make arrangements to be collected from school.

If you need to contact us with final questions prior to the trip, please e-mail cgiles@chapelhigh.org.uk

These will also be the emergency mobile numbers that we are using while we are in Poland, when we are on the trip please use these numbers in a genuine emergency only.

First phone: 07866 232480

Second phone: 07532 462445

Regards,

C Giles

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