

Our Ref JP/EP/RMO

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Dear Parent/Carer

### **Football Trip to Porto - Essential Information**

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As we are approaching our exciting Football trip to Porto, I would like to provide you with some essential information regarding what they will need during their stay.

#### **Payments**

Could parents please ensure you are up to date with any upcoming or outstanding payments on WeDuc payment system. Any issues with this contact Wednesfield Academy's postbox via email [postbox@wednesfieldacademy.co.uk](mailto:postbox@wednesfieldacademy.co.uk).

#### **Travel Documents**

Could parents please ensure that your child has a valid and in date passport. If you have not already done so, please bring in your passports to Mr Parsons (Director of Sport). It is vitally important to carry any necessary travel visas or authorisation documents, depending on the regulations of your home country and Portugal. All pupils will need to apply for a GHIC (Global Health Insurance Card). This is free and you can apply for this through the NHS website: <https://www.nhs.uk/using-the-nhs/healthcare-abroad/apply-for-a-free-uk-global-health-insurance-card-ghic/>.

#### **Clothing**

As we still have 8 months before we travel, we will send out a detailed list of what pupils will require for the trip and what they will need to pack closer to the time. As we are going in October Porto's weather can vary, so it is advisable to pack clothing suitable for both mild and potentially rainy conditions. Could pupils please pack comfortable athletic wear for training sessions and matches. Pupils are also required to pack warm layers for any cooler evenings, which may occur during October. Your child will need to also pack a rain jacket in case of rainy weather, which could potentially arrive in October. It is also advised to pack and wear comfortable clothing to travel in (on the coach and plane).

#### **Footwear**

As the trip is football based, football boots and trainers for training and matches. Students will need to pack comfortable walking shoes/ trainers for exploring the city.

#### **Personal Items**

Pupils will need to pack several personal toiletries, these will include travel-sized toiletries (shampoo, conditioner, soap, toothpaste, sun cream, after sun, insect repellent). If your child requires any medications, please ensure an adequate supply for the duration of the trip, this should include asthma inhalers. Pupils will need to pack a water bottle, staying hydrated is crucial, especially during physical activities. Pupils would also be advised to buy water and to bring a towel for use at the hotel.

#### **Electronics and Entertainment**

Pupils can bring a mobile phone but they are responsible for it, and the school does not take responsibility if it is lost. Pupils can also bring books, magazines, or other forms of entertainment for travel, if they wish to do so. If you are expecting your child to use their data abroad, ensure they are able to access data through their roaming package.

### Money and Currency

It is advisable for pupils to have a small amount of local currency (Euros) for expenses, souvenirs and food, should they wish to purchase it. We suggest that 200 euros would be a sufficient allowance for the trip.

### Emergency Contact Information

Please ensure that your child has our school's contact information. More information will be given on this nearer the departure.

### Behaviour and Expectations

Remind your child of the importance of representing our school with respect and good sportsmanship throughout the trip. It is pivotal that pupils adhere to any rules or guidelines set forth by the accompanying teachers and staff. If a pupil very seriously breaches the expected behaviour, then the pupil will have a consequence, which could be an early departure from the trip.

### Health and Safety

Our school will prioritise the health and safety of all pupils during the trip. If your child has any specific medical conditions or allergies, please inform us in advance to ensure appropriate accommodations. Please contact the school if you have any questions or concerns regarding the upcoming trip. We are committed to providing a memorable and enriching experience for all pupils involved. Attached to this letter is the itinerary which has been created by InspireSport, who are the trip company we are using.

Thank you for your support and cooperation, if you have any questions please contact Mr Harris (Assistant Head of House) by calling the school on 01902 558222 or [email postbox@wednesfield.co.uk](mailto:postbox@wednesfield.co.uk).

Yours faithfully



Mr Phillips  
**Headteacher**