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Dear Parents,

A brief itinerary for the Science CERN Trip 2017 13th – 15th March

Please find enclosed a brief outline of our intended itinerary for the Science trip to CERN and some other useful information; due to variable weather conditions, etc., we will need to have a degree of flexibility so some activities/visits may change.

Your child's passport should be brought in by Monday 5th March, to Miss Vickers, so that we have all passports before departure.

Departure and luggage requirements

Depart from Fairfield High School for Gatwick Airport at **1am Monday 13th March** to catch Easyjet flight **EZS8464** at 08.15 for Geneva, arriving at 10.50 local time.

- Luggage allowance is 1 **hand luggage** bag per student (56x45x25cm, **including** handles and wheels). There is no weight restriction on this one piece.
- No liquids in containers over **100ml**, and containers must be in a single, transparent, resealable **plastic bag**, which holds no more than a litre and measures approximately **20cm x 20cm**. This includes makeup, hair products, shower gel, etc.
- Any liquid medicine must have a letter from your child's GP confirming the name and type of medication being carried, with prescribed doses. The letter should state what the medication is for and any other medical items required. The medication should be in its original packaging, clearly pharmaceutically labelled identifying it as prescribed and belonging to your child.
- Students will need to pack weather appropriate clothing (warm tops and trousers) for 2 days and sensible shoes for walking/using public transport. A waterproof jacket should also be worn.
- A full check list about hand luggage is available on the Easyjet website.

Our first included meal will not be until the evening so please can you send a packed breakfast or English pounds to buy a "meal deal" on the plane, which is usually around £7.00, and either a packed lunch or money in Swiss Francs to purchase lunch.

Monday 13th March

When we arrive, we will check in to the **Geneva Youth Hostel**.

Our first visit will be to the **History of Science Museum**.

Tuesday 14th March

Our visit to CERN. We will also visit **Universe of Particles Exhibition and The Microcosms Exhibition** whilst we are there.

On Wednesday 15th March

We will check out of the hostel, but leave bags there securely until the afternoon.

Firstly, we will visit **The Geneva Natural History Museum**. After lunch, we will visit a local shopping outlet called **Centre Balxert**.

We will return to the hostel to collect our bags and travel to the airport to catch Easyjet flight **EZS8485** at 21.35 for Gatwick Airport, arriving at 22.05. **We will be returning to school for 3am and we would appreciate a prompt collection of students**. Please be aware that flights may be delayed or we may get stuck in traffic; if this happens we will contact you (students may use their mobile phones for this) with as much warning as possible to let you know our new ETA.

Students will be expected to be in school the following day.

Due to the late arrival home, we will allow them to come in at 10.30am.

Hostel information

We will be staying at the Geneva Youth Hostel, Rue Rothschild 28-30, 1202 Genève, Switzerland. Tel: 00 41 22 732 62 60 (please only use this number in emergencies).

School contact number: 01981550231. Staff at Fairfield can contact visit staff should you need to get a message to them in Geneva.

Money

The currency in Switzerland is **Swiss Francs**, not Euros. Please ensure currency has been changed into Swiss Francs before departure. We have found that the Post Office has been a reliable and quick service. Students will be responsible for their own money.

Although most things are already paid for, **lunch is not included, and nor is dinner on Wednesday. As Switzerland is very expensive, a suggestion of around 18-25 Swiss Francs per day, 54-75 Swiss Francs total, should be acceptable.**

The following meals are included: Monday evening meal, Tuesday breakfast and evening meal and Wednesday breakfast.

Any souvenirs, extra drinks and sweets will need to be paid for by students.

Mobile phones

Students will be expected to hand in their mobile phones and any other electronic devices to staff each evening, before bed time. These will be returned before breakfast the following day. This is to ensure they get a goodnight's sleep! European travel adapters will be needed if students are bringing an electronic device.

Medicines

If students have prescribed medicines please make sure that the medicine is clearly labelled with instructions of dosage etc. Mrs Hart will collect in medicine at the youth hostel in Geneva and give as directed. If your child suffers with travel sickness, please ensure they take the recommended dose prior to boarding the coach and then hand in to Mrs Hart for further doses as necessary (we will be on a coach and an aeroplane). If you have any queries or questions please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours faithfully

Miss Vickers
Teacher of Science and Trip Leader