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Dear Parent/Carer

Preparing for EU departure – school visits abroad after 29th March 2019

Over recent months the Brexit debate has continued to dominate for obvious reasons. As things stand the UK is set to leave the European Union on 29th March 2019. However, the detailed outcomes and implications remain, at this stage, unknown.

The Government has started to release a series of briefing documents which at least raise awareness of the potential issues. Below we have highlighted some of the more 'factual' based advice that is available, which has been shared with us by Portsmouth City Council.

Passports: Guidance suggests that passports will still be immediately useable as long as they have at least 6 months remaining before their expiry date. **We would recommend that you check your child's passport and apply now for renewal if there would be less than 6 months left on a passport.**

Guidance is available at <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/passport-ru...tent=daily>

Travel Insurance: EHIC cards are likely to become invalid. The school has travel insurance to cover all school trips and the school is liaising with the insurance company to confirm arrangements and policies post policy renewal.

Beyond that, there is no information or clarity concerning other potential issues, e.g. flights, coach transport, travel delays at ports, etc.

Parents can access the all new guidance released via the Government's preparation website at <https://www.gov.uk/government/brexit>.

The school works with STF accredited travel providers where possible, as this gives us greater support and financial protection in the event of significant issues post departure.

If you have any queries, please contact the relevant trip leader or myself.

Yours sincerely

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