



14 December 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

Football Tour Trip to Dortmund, Germany - Thursday 8 - Tuesday 13 February 2024

We are excited to announce a football tour trip to Dortmund in Germany, during half term from Thursday 8 – Tuesday 13 February 2024. This trip is aimed at those students who are passionate about playing football and will provide them with a sporting and cultural opportunity that they might not otherwise be able to access.

The trip is open to students from the current academic Years 8 and 9 (who will be Years 9 and 10 at the time of the trip). All students attending this trip must be on the school roll at the time of the trip and will require a valid passport and GHIC (Global Health Insurance Card) to travel. We have been advised that travellers should have a minimum of at least six months remaining on their passports from the date of arrival, otherwise they may be refused entry. Please see additional information at the end of this letter from our travel provider.

The price includes:

- Coach transfers to/from school to airport
- Return flight to/from Dortmund
- All ground transfers on private bus
- 5 nights accommodation
- Meals at resort on a full board basis
- Use of Borussia Dortmund training ground for training sessions
- Training sessions delivered by Borussia Dortmund coaches
- Training and match kits
- Two matches against local opposition
- Visit to Westfalenstadion for a stadium tour and club shop visit

There are **50 places** available on this trip to Dortmund – **25 girls and 25 boys**. The cost of the trip is **£1,432** and is based on all places being filled. If numbers fall below this, the price may increase.

The 50 places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis (on payment of deposit via sQuid), with class behaviour taken into consideration. If you would like your child to go on this trip we require **an initial booking payment of £300**, to be paid using our on-line e-payment system with your existing sQuid account, which will be open for bookings as follows:

GIRLS sQuid open at 7pm on Thursday 26 January 2023 (closing at 6pm on Saturday 28 January 2023)

BOYS sQuid open at 7pm on Saturday 28 January 2023 (closing at 6pm on Monday 30 January 2023)

If you are unsuccessful in gaining a place for your child and would like to be added to the waiting list, please email Mrs Feetham, Trips and Visits Coordinator, k.feetham@coxgreen.com, requesting to be added to the waiting list. Any places remaining from either offer, after the closing dates, will be allocated to those on the waiting list in the order emails have been received.

For your information, the payment schedule is listed below. **Please note that all payments can be made at any time but each one MUST be paid by the date stated.**

Payment required	Payment must be made by
£300	sQuid opening
£300	1 March 2023
£300	1 June 2023
£266	1 September 2023
£266	1 November 2023

Please note that due to the nature of this trip, we are unable to refund the cost of the trip, if your child is unable to go.

In addition, we hope to be able to attend a live Bundesliga match but this will be dependant on match schedules and ticket availability. We are unable to confirm costs for this but our trip provider estimates this to be £35-£75. This this will be an additional cost and will be payable via sQuid once the match and ticket costs are confirmed.

If you would like any further information about this particular trip, please do not hesitate to contact me via the main office on 01628 629415, or by email to enquiries@coxgreen.com

Yours sincerely



Mr M Gullick
Director of PE, Sport & Health

Please note:

- *Places on all trips are subject to the school expectations for the Behaviour Policy being met. Any student who receives a suspension may have their place withdrawn from the trip and no refund will be made unless the place can be resold. In addition, if the school assesses that the attendance on a trip is a Health and Safety risk to the student or to others, a place will not be allocated to that student or a place will be withdrawn and there will be no refund made unless the place can be resold.*
- *Should your child be unable to attend a trip due to medical reasons, we will require a Medical Certificate to apply for an insurance claim.*
- *If the trip is cancelled due to uncontrollable circumstances i.e. weather, Foreign/Home Office guidance, the refunding of costs will be subject to insurance cover.*
- *If your child is, or has ever been in receipt of free school meals, then you may be eligible for assistance with the costs of this trip, from the school's Pupil Premium funding. To make a request for assistance please contact the Finance Office via email: finance@coxgreen.com or in writing to the school; including your child's name and form, stating that they are, or have been in receipt of free school meals. The Pupil Premium funding is to be used for educational purposes only.*
- *Please note that Pupil Premium support for this trip is limited to 10% of the total cost of the trip and all requests should be made by 12 noon on Wednesday 18 January 2023.*
- *This trip is run via travel company: Halsbury Travel.
To enable your child to attend the trip, we will be sharing your child's personal data with the travel company and any partners of the travel company that are required for the running of the contract (e.g. airlines, hotels, etc.).*
- *Payments are to be made by the dates specified. Late or non-payment may result in your child's place being withdrawn from the trip. If you choose to withdraw your child for reasons not stated above, any costs attributed to date, must still be made.*
- *Should the school need to contact you in an emergency, we will use contact details supplied on your most recent OA4 Form (off-site activity form). If there are any changes to the details on this form, including any medical or dietary requirements, it is the parent/carer responsibility to inform the school.*
- *This is an optional trip and is not essential to the curriculum or completion of the syllabus being studied.*
- *There will be no insurance cover due to disinclination to travel.*

Additional Information from our travel provider.

Important Visa Information

Please note that each person is responsible for their own entry and visa requirements as per the German Embassy stipulations.

Important Post-Brexit Information

The UK has now left the European Union and there are some changes to the rules for UK citizens travelling to the EU, Iceland, Switzerland, Norway or Liechtenstein.

Passports

On the day you travel, we recommend that all UK passports must have 6 months of validity left and be less than 10 years old (even if it has 6 months or more left)*. We recognise that some EU countries only require 3 months validity, you should check the relevant government website for the exact requirements.

*Please note that this does not apply to Ireland – you can continue to use your passport as long as it's valid for the duration of your stay.

Healthcare

If you have a European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) you can continue to use this until it expires. If you do not have an EHIC or it has expired, you can apply for a Global Health Insurance Card (GHIC). Please visit the NHS website for further information.