

## **Brexit and Salendine Nook High School**

Britain was due to leave the EU on Thursday 31 October 2019. This has now been put back to January 31<sup>st</sup> 2020, though Britain could leave sooner than this date.

The information in this article is correct at the time of publishing – **19 November 2019**. We will update this article whenever we learn anything new and clarify what is new or updated.

We would advise all parents to keep a close eye on the news and other information related to Brexit.

We will only take action in accordance with official legislation and/or guidance. This article is based on advice from government guidance on [Brexit preparations for schools](#) .

### **What do we need to do?**

**Staff & Pupils - Most things will stay the same for schools** until at least 31 December 2020. After this date, EU, EEA and Swiss nationals will have to apply to remain in the UK if they are planning to live here long term.

**School trips abroad to the EU** - If Britain leave with a deal, citizens will be able to travel abroad under the same arrangements as now until at least the 31 December 2020.

If we leave without a deal there will be no transition period, so from 31 January 2020 parents will need to:

- check that their child(ren)'s passports are valid for at least **6 months** from the date of travel;
- School will check travel insurance for the trip, because it is unlikely that the European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) will continue to provide cover after Brexit;
- School will check the terms and conditions for any flights and/or accommodation carefully, as there may be terms that exclude companies' liability if the service cannot be provided because of Brexit;
- School will check that the host country will continue to accept the list of travellers form for school groups, as member states will decide this for themselves.

### **Disruptions to food and medical supplies**

We have already been in touch with our Catering Providers and we have been assured that they have robust plans in place for Brexit and have in turn sought assurances from their producers and suppliers to ensure continuity within the food supply chain.

We will continue with our normal arrangements for medical supplies to support pupils with health conditions.

The government acknowledges that disruptions to the supply of medicine and medical products could occur in the event of a no deal. The government anticipates potential disruption over a period of around six months. They have put measures in place to permit suppliers to stockpile medicines in order to mitigate the initial impact of disruptions to the supply chain.

Some medications have a short shelf-life, such as insulin. We recognise how shortages in such medications might impact pupils. The DfE has issued the following specific response/guidance:

- They cannot speculate on all issues that may arise from leaving without a deal and that issues relating to shortage of medicines falls under the responsibility of The Department of Health and Social Care;
- They have put plans in place to avoid disruption to medical supplies. Many medicines are already stockpiled and there are freight contingencies being launched for medical supplies and products that will enter the UK, after the UK leaves the EU

In the meantime, we will continue to support those pupils with medical conditions by:

- Reviewing all medications kept in school and recording expiration dates;
- Reminding parents of medications due to expire in the six months following the exit date and advising them to get refills beforehand, but this is ultimately the responsibility of the parent;
- Reviewing our supporting pupils with medical conditions policy in anticipation of issues arising from medication shortages.

## **GDPR**

GDPR has now been incorporated into UK law. This means we can still share personal data lawfully with countries within the EEA.

However, it will be more difficult to receive personal data from these countries. That is because no adequacy decision has been made about the UK, so any data sharing will need to rely on safeguards or on exemptions.

In the meantime, the government recommends that we identify where we receive data from the EEA and determine:

- Who the data controllers and processors are?
- Where the data is stored?

Additionally, we will review the following to make sure they're up to date and reflect any changes:

- Data protection impact assessments
- Privacy notices

We will continue to update the website as information emerges. Please contact school if you have any queries.

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