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Friday 26th May 2023

Dear parent/carer,

SUBJECT: Paris Trip 2023 - further information

I write with further details about our trip to Paris in September. It's now just under 5 months before we travel to France with our tour operator PGL and the time has flown by! The aim of this letter is to address several points in preparation for our visit, so please keep this information for your reference.

Payments

As previously communicated, the final cost of the Paris trip will be **£500**. This means that, for most families, a maximum of £340 should be left to pay via [ParentPay](#). **The final deadline for payments is Friday 30th June**. Please contact me at school if you have any questions or issues about payments, or if you have difficulties accessing ParentPay.

Pupils will also require spending money while in France. This is at your discretion. While all meals at Château de Grande Romaine are already paid for, pupils will need to buy food and drink on both journeys and for an evening meal at Disneyland...as well as the obvious souvenirs and gifts.

Staffing

Staffing for the Paris trip has been confirmed and I will be joined by Mr Yates (Deputy Head Teacher), Mrs Wright (Pupil Support Manager / Deputy Trip Leader) and Mrs Meades (Support staff). Mrs Meades is also a qualified First Aider.

We will also be joined by a colleague from PGL, who is based at Château de Grande Romaine. They act as our guide and will be joining us on the coach on excursions for much of our time in Paris. There is also an experienced and qualified team of PGL colleagues who organise activities for school groups, whilst we are on-site.

Passports and EHIC / GHIC cards

If you haven't already got a passport for your child I would strongly encourage you to organise this as soon as possible as there may be delays due to industrial action at UK Passport Offices. Please also remember that existing passports will need to be valid for at least 3 months from the date of our return (i.e. from 22nd September 2023).

In regards to the European Health Insurance Card (EHIC), if your child already has one from a previous foreign holiday, and it's in date for the duration of our visit to France, this is perfectly fine. However, new applicants will be given a Global Health Insurance Card (GHIC). This is a free service on the NHS website, so please be wary of other websites that charge for the service. You can apply for a new card up to 6 months before the current card expires.

Either card allows the bearer to benefit from the same state-funded medical support as a French national would have and is essential for the trip to Paris.

At the start of the autumn term, we will be collecting all participating pupils' passports and EHIC/GHIC cards for safekeeping.





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Insurance

We are fully insured with PGL, as well as through the school's insurance policy. I attach an executive summary of PGL's insurance with Aviva, as well as their Frequently Asked Questions document for your reference.

Expectations

As ever, Mrs Wright and I will continue to monitor pupils' behaviour at school in the weeks prior to travel to France. Unfortunately, pupils have already been withdrawn from the Paris trip and, while necessary, it's always a conversation that I'd prefer not to have with disappointed pupils and disappointed parents/carers! Thank you in advance for your ongoing support in ensuring that the group of pupils that eventually go to Paris are 100% reliable, respectful and will represent Risedale School impeccably.

What to take

It is a little early to start packing! However, I've already been asked the question so I'll address it briefly here now (and in more detail in a later letter). In regards to clothing, the climate in northern France is very similar to the south of England in early Autumn. On previous September trips, we've either been in shorts or winter coats! It's obvious advice but for now, I'd say "pack for every eventuality", which might include sun cream and raincoats. The nearer we get to departure, the better idea we'll have. I'd like to think the weather will be lovely, so fingers crossed.

It's also worth adding now that pupils will not be permitted to take large game consoles or portable speakers.

Pupil information

We will require detailed information about your child prior to departure: contact details, medical requirements (including allergies), swimming proficiency etc. Although much of this information is already stored on the school's electronic database (Bromcom) I will still need to ensure that it is totally up-to-date.

Parents/Carers Information Evening

There will be an important information evening for parents/carers on **Thursday 6th July 2023** in the main school hall. The event will start at 4:30pm and last around an hour. There will be a short presentation about the details of our stay at Château de Grande Romaine and the opportunity to ask questions, either publicly or privately. There will also be an opportunity to ensure all your child's information is up to date. Please do try to attend – pupils are obviously welcome!

As always, please do not hesitate in contacting me at school – miller.r@risedale.org.uk – should you have any questions or comments, or if you require further information about any aspect of the trip.

Yours sincerely,

Richard Miller Head of Modern Foreign Languages & Trip Leader

