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7th July 2020

Dear Parents,

Re: France 2020

Following the latest Government guidance published on 2nd July 2020 our planned trip to France in September has been postponed and will now take place from **Monday 24th May 2021 to Friday 28th May 2021**. The Government have confirmed that overnight residential trips cannot take place in the Autumn term.

This update has been expected and as a school we have been planning alternative dates to offer to our children.

Had we simply cancelled our school trip in September and not rearranged an alternative date families would have potentially lost a large percentage of any monies paid as PGL only guarantee to refund final instalments linked to their invoicing system. Initial and interim deposits would have been subject to a claim via our Local Authority Travel Insurance. Schools (as a Borough) have had mixed success for claims submitted for residential trips cancelled due to Covid-19. We want to protect our booking and all payments made by our families.

We understand the disappointment in not travelling in September but are sure you all understand the complexities in rearranging this trip.

We have 65 children (two coaches) enrolled and want to ensure the experience is a huge success, as with all of our previous French residential trips.

Due to travelling in May 2021 the cost of the trip will rise by £55 to £550. Summer experiences are more expensive, as are entry prices to the places of interest. This cost has been negotiated to obtain best value for families and to ensure we keep a full itinerary. As our travel date has been pushed back to next May we can extend the date for all payments to be received to Friday 23rd October 2020. We understand this is an additional cost but are sure families appreciate the reason for this.

We trust you understand the impact of Covid-19 on the planning of this residential trip and assure you that we are monitoring any further travel guidance updates linked to foreign travel.

If any families do not wish their child to travel in May 2021 any monies paid so far cannot be refunded under the terms of PGL terms and conditions.

Thank you for your understanding and patience as we now look forward to a clear plan linked to our May 2021 French residential experience.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs S. Owen.
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