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Dear Parents,

Paris

September 2024.

Monday 23rd September 2024 – Friday 27th September 2024.

Following our very successful, and now established, trips to Paris and Normandy we are pleased to confirm that we are now able to offer our Year 5 and Year 6 children (as at September 2024) opportunity to take part in our next foreign residential trip. This will build upon the French Language teaching within our school and strengthen our childrens' cultural awareness and provide a new learning experience for all.

We are alternating each Academic year between visiting Normandy and visiting Paris.

Curriculum content will be built in to the trip by visiting cultural sites and related historical places of interest. Further details to be confirmed.

The trip has been arranged through PGL Travel and we will be staying at the **Château de Grande Romaine in Paris.**

We will travel by coach from school to Dover to pick up the Calais Ferry.

We will depart on **Monday 23rd September 2024 (very early hours) and return on Friday 27th September 2024 (late evening).**

The PGL site at **Château de Grande Romaine in Paris** is the same centre that we have used on our previous trips to Paris and is an amazing base from which to explore the capital. The centre is safe and secure and is on the outskirts of Paris and all amenities are age appropriate for Year 5 / 6 children. Relaxation facilities are excellent, the setting is picturesque, the food is varied and enjoyable (including local cuisine) and the staff are very helpful and attentive. All in all the centre is outstanding.

Our departure / arrival times are subject to final confirmations however we will leave school very early in the morning at around 12:30am to travel down to Dover. This will ensure that we maximise our travel time and will allow children chance to sleep during the coach journey. We will arrive back at school at approximately midnight on Friday 27th September 2024.

We will visit as many of the major visitor and sight-seeing attractions as we can during our stay. This will include e.g a sail on the River Seine, a trip up the Eiffel Tower, visiting Sacre Couer , Montmartre, Champs Elysees and The Louvre etc.

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We will have the benefit of our coach and driver during our stay in Paris and will ensure we fully utilise this service. We will build in several events to encourage our children to use their French language skills, e.g. a visit to a local market, café and other shopping activities.

The cost of this educational experience is £560. If your child is able to take part please make the £100 deposit payment via the School Money app by **Friday 20th October 2023**.

A £100, **non refundable**, deposit is required at this stage to secure your child's place on this trip. Further payments can then be made at your own convenience, at a minimum value of £50.

The trip is open to the first 40 applications as we need to cap the number of children due to planning arrangements.

This cost includes all travel arrangements, accommodation, full board meals, all coach travel and identification garments.

Children will need about 100 euros as spending money.

A valid passport will be required for all children travelling, with an expiry date of April 2025 or later.

We realise that families may have further questions relating to this trip. If you have any specific queries please email Mrs Owen and she will be glad to answer your questions – office@sacred-heart.bolton.sch.uk. As the planning of this trip is very complex there is still a degree of flexibility with regards to our booking. Further details on some aspects of the trip (e.g. exact travel times) will be confirmed in due course. Mrs Owen will of course be available by telephone or via the office.

A formal meeting will be held in school prior to departure (Summer 2024) to explain the full itinerary to children and families.

All replies must be received in school by Friday 20th October 2023 and are on a first come first served basis. We must adhere to this date as we cannot alter our travelling numbers at a later date due to the complexities of the booking arrangements.

Mrs Owen has sought best value, negotiated with the tour operator and generally ensured the best financial package for our families. We are to provide additional identification garments. Children will need less of their own clothing to take along.

Our France trip has been running very successfully and will give Year 5 / 6 children opportunity to become more independent and to enjoy the sights of Paris, developing their language skills as they go.

May I assure you at this stage that the trip has been carefully organised, risk assessed and planned. Governors have approved the residential trip in line with school development.

We are very pleased that we are now able to once again offer our children this exciting opportunity to experience another culture, developing their French language skills in a true setting.

Please can we inform families that each year group (Y5 and Y6 at September 2024) will likely be offered a different three day British residential. It is important we mention this now to allow families to make financial decisions.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Sacred Heart School team.