

4 September 2024

Dear Parents

I am writing with a few reminders before we embark on our residential visit to Chateau de Grande Romaine.

- **EHIC/GHIC** – EHIC cards (not copies) must be in school **Thursday 12 September** at the latest. Please do check the date on these to ensure they are valid.
- **Passport** – Most children are travelling on our collective passport, if your child is travelling using their personal passport instead, please ensure these are in school by **Thursday 12 September** at the latest. Please contact Mrs Goode if you have any questions about this.
- **Pocket money** – The children will be able to bring **no more than 50 Euros** pocket money. It would be helpful if this is in low denomination notes ie 5, 10 or 20's. Please could this be handed into the office, in a named purse or wallet by **Thursday 12 September**. This will save us trying to collect it in on the Monday morning.
- **Medicines** – these need to be in school by **Friday 13 September**. Please label all medicines with the child's name, dosage and times to be taken. This will save any confusion. Indemnity forms will need to be updated if medical needs have changed – please see the office for this.
- **A reminder about letters** – This will be the address while we are in France:
Almondsbury CE Primary Group
PGL Centre
Chateau de Grande Romaine
77150
Lesigny
France
- **Departure** – The school will be open on the Monday morning so we can all collect together and use the toilet facilities before we board the coach. Please ensure that you are there at **5:30am as we leave by 6:00am**, so we can register and prepare the children for the journey. The coach will already be outside school. Please try to place your suitcase on before you come into the school building. This will save time. Please make sure that you do not pack anything your child will need on the journey. **All such items including packed breakfast and lunch and plenty of drinks should be in disposable plastic bags inside a rucksack.**
- **Post-Brexit travel rules** – Meat and milk products are no longer allowed to be taken between the UK and France. This means that children will not be allowed to have sandwiches containing ham, cheese etc. or yogurts / milkshakes within their lunch boxes. For a full list of what is/isn't allowed to be taken into France, please use the following link: https://ec.europa.eu/food/animals/animal-products-movements/personal-imports_en
- Our **expected arrival time** at the centre is between **4.30 and 5.00pm** Almondsbury time. We shall of course contact the school office. Mrs Heaps will then send a text to let all parents know that we have arrived safely.
- We shall also contact school on a regular basis. Mrs Heaps will post regular updates by sending text messages. Please don't hesitate to call the school office for information. We are also hoping to upload the photos and a daily blog onto the school website. This is of course if we can get it to work whilst at the chateau.

- On our **return** we are expecting to arrive in Almondsbury at **approximately 7.30pm**. If the traffic is heavy this could be later.
- **Contact numbers** – Instead of using a phone tree, we will use WhatsApp to communicate our final arrival times to you on our return to Almondsbury. We will contact two parents who will use the Year 6 class WhatsApp groups to pass on details. If this will be a problem for you, please let us know as soon as possible so that we can look for an alternative.
- **Itinerary and Kit List** - If you need another kit list or itinerary please look on the Year 6 class pages on the website or ask in the office for one. We have been contacted by the PGL centre to suggest that the children bring **insect repellent and bite cream** in addition to the original kit list.

If there are any questions that you have now thought of or personal ones please do come in to school or ring and ask.

We have no doubt that the children will have a fantastic experience and I have every faith in my team of staff who will take care of your children as if they were their own.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely



PAUL SMITH – Executive Head teacher