











Headteacher: Mr. S. Pearson

23rd September 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Y6 France Residential Trip - 20th-24th June 2022

Thank you to everyone who came along to the meeting on Wednesday to find out more about our France trip in June. The meeting was well attended and we have 30 places booked already! For those of you who were unable to attend, we would be happy to run through any details with you – ideally, this would be by asking questions via email (using 'enquiry@walmley-jun.bham.sch.uk) or over the phone, or in person if you make an appointment via the school office.

On the trip we visit lots of different places (see our first letter for basic details) and play on the beautiful sandy beaches every day if possible. Our hotel is in a lovely, quiet location a short walk from the small town of Le Touquet and the staff really look after us well. The quality of the accommodation and catering is really good. We usually have a double decker coach with air-conditioning, DVD player and toilet facilities on board, which stays with us for the week, and we cross the English Channel with P&O Ferries. The children will be in groups of 10 max. with a member of Walmley Junior School staff. We really do have a brilliant time!

The <u>estimated</u> total cost of this residential will be £380 per pupil, which includes all costs for hotel accommodation, travel, excursions, insurance etc. This is dependent upon the final total number of children who want to come along, but the estimated cost is not likely to change by a great amount. Pupils can have up to <u>50 Euros in spending money</u> for the week (in small notes please).

The payment schedule is as follows:

- £70 deposit (non- refundable) by Friday 15th October 2021
- £160 to be paid by 28th January 2022
- £150 to be paid by 29th April 2022

Once you are happy that you would like your child to participate, please pay the £70 deposit as soon as possible using our Scopay online system. Please note that we are currently holding 50 places at the hotel, so will cap the deposits at 50, but if we have more children wanting to come, we will put them on a waiting list and will check availability with the hotel before offering more places.

You should ensure that your child's passport will be valid at least six months after the date of our trip: in the past we have had parents dashing off to the passport office at the last minute because they believed the passport was in date. If a new one is needed, please apply for this in good time and bear in mind there are currently delays in processing new applications.

Each child will also need a new Global Health Insurance Card (GHIC) which is available online <u>free of charge</u>, or an existing valid European Health Insurance Card (EHIC).

We need to make you aware of NST's (our travel company) cancellation charges. In the event of cancellation by a paying member more than 10 weeks before the tour, the deposits may be transferred to a substitute pupil. However, if a replacement cannot be found, the deposit will be retained.

Cancellations must be notified <u>in writing</u>, and those less than 10 weeks before the tour will be subject to the following charges:-

70-29 days before the tour:

60%

28-15 days before the tour:

80%

14 days or less before the tour:

100%

Please note that cancellation charges may be reclaimed, less an excess, via the insurance policy, provided that the cancellation occurs within the terms of the policy (e.g. due to injury or illness). If our trip cannot go ahead due to cancellation of travel by either the French or British government due to the COVID pandemic, then refunds will be made. If any further clarification is needed, please contact us.

If you have any questions about the trip at all, please do not hesitate to contact me and I'll be happy to help. This is a fantastic trip that the children will remember for the rest of their lives and we very much hope that your child is able to take part.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs S. Smith

Deputy Headteacher / Visit Leader