Dear Parent/Carer,

We are delighted to offer students the exciting opportunity within the KS4 languages’ curriculum. Our bi-annual French trip to Paris will take place from **Thursday 9th February to Sunday 12th February 2023**.

We will be travelling by coach from school and will be using the accommodation *FIAP Jean Monnet,* ideally located for many of the attractions we will visit. To find out more about the accommodation please visit: <https://www.fiap.paris/en-groups>

We will have a busy schedule including a visit to the Louvre Museum, a cruise on the River Seine, a visit to the Montparnasse Tower and its observation deck, a visit to the Montmartre area including the Sacré Coeur, a visit to Notre Dame Cathedral and a trip up the Eiffel Tower. There will also be an opportunity to do some shopping on the famous Champs-Elysées.

As well as being an unmissable language experience, this will also be a true cultural experience in one of the most beautiful cities in Europe.

The total cost of the trip will be **£470**, this includes all coach travel, accommodation, travel insurance, entrance tickets and all meals, including lunches at the Dolce Vita Restaurant and the Hard Rock Cafe. The price is based on 45-50 students participating in the trip.

If after discussing this letter with your child, you would like them to take part in the trip, please pay a **non-refundable deposit of £100 on Scopay by Monday 25th April.** **If your child changes their mind about going on the trip, you do not want them to travel due to Covid concerns or you do not wish them to be vaccinated for Covid the deposit will remain non-refundable.**

If you have financial difficulties, there may be some funds available in school to help. Please contact Mrs Crossley if this is the case.

The remaining payments would then be required as follows:

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|  | Amount | Payable by |
| Deposit  | £100 | 25th April |
| Payment 2  | £120 | 1st July |
| Payment 3  | £130 | 30th September |
| Payment 4 | £120 | 9th December  |

**Covid risk assessment**

**All pupils who wish to go on the trip must be fully vaccinated.** Also, currently we must continue to provide proof of vaccination and a sworn statement (declaration sur l’honneur) self-certifying you are not suffering from COVID-19 symptoms and haven’t been in contact with confirmed cases in the 14 days prior to travel. France will accept the UK’s proof of COVID-19 recovery and vaccination record at the border.

If a student were to become ill and test positive for COVID-19 during the trip, currently they would have to isolate for 7 days if fully vaccinated. A member of staff will accompany any student who tests positive until a parent or named guardian (over the age of 18) arrives in France to continue the supervision. The expectation is that this is within 24 hours of notification.

Of course restrictions are ever changing and obviously the rules in France may have changed by the time we travel next February but it is important that I make you aware of the current situation.

**The travel insurance, in regard to cover for COVID-19, covers the following:-**

Cover for cancellation if you catch COVID-19 within 14 days of departure.

Cover for emergency medical treatment & repatriation, when medically necessary, if you catch COVID-19 whilst you are abroad.

Cover for additional accommodation & transport costs if you are unable to return home due to being told to self-isolate abroad (limits apply).

**Your child will need a full British passport with 6 months remaining on it after the date of the visit.** Please check this thoroughly. Please be aware that refunds cannot be given due to passport issues. If your child needs a passport, please apply now as it can take up to ten weeks to process. Your child will also need a Global Health Insurance Card (GHIC), which has replaced the previous European Health Insurance Card (EHIC). These are free to obtain online. <https://www.nhs.uk/using-the-nhs/healthcare-abroad/apply-for-a-free-uk-global-health-insurance-card-ghic/>

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me, preferably via e-mail, ecr@olchs.lancs.sch.uk

Yours sincerely,

Mrs E Crossley

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