



St. Edward's Church of England Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers

Year 7 France Trip May 2020

Purpose of the visit	<p>We consider spending time in France to be an invaluable educational experience as it provides pupils with an opportunity to make use of the language learned in the classroom and because it brings them into contact with a different culture and way of life. All pupils will be required to complete a variety of tasks, including speaking in French in real situations and filling in a diary and work booklet every day. The social benefits of our trip are also huge.</p> <p>We will be staying in Agon-Coutainville, Normandy, and excursions will include a trip to see the Bayeux Tapestry, a French market, the D-Day landing beaches as well as the iconic Mont St Michel.</p> <p>Photos of this year's France trip can be viewed on our Facebook page.</p>
Date	<p>Sunday 17th May – Thurs 21st May 2020</p> <p>(Pupils will not be required to attend school on the Friday due to late return)</p>
Departure time	<p>Approx 1am Sun 17th May 2020</p>
Return time and place	<p>Approx 2am Fri 22nd May 2020</p>
Pupils will need	<p>All pupils will need to have their own passport for the trip, which is an additional cost (currently £49 if you apply online). They will also need an EHIC health insurance card (which can be ordered online on NHS website at no charge).</p> <p>Following Brexit, there may be a small additional cost of around £7 for an ETIAS Visa Waiver - although it is unclear as yet if and when this will be needed.</p>
<p>Cost (please keep this sheet for your reference)</p>	<p>Total cost £407 which will include coach and ferry travel from St Edward's to our destination, full board accommodation when we arrive at our hotel, excursions, a project workbook and comprehensive insurance. Coaches (Robin Hood) are fitted with seatbelts which must be worn at all times, and our travel company, 'Equity', is a reputable student travel specialist.</p> <p>Initial deposit payment £80 by Wed 10th July 2019 (non-refundable) 2nd payment £127 by Wednesday 11th September 2019 (non-refundable) 3rd payment £100 by Friday 15th November 2019 Final payment £100 by Friday 7th February 2020</p> <p>Payments should be made using Parentpay, and may be made in full if preferred, but this should be before the second payment is due in order to cover payments to our travel company.</p> <p>Please note that although the travel and tuition elements of the visit legally represent a voluntary contribution, the visit will not be able to go ahead unless all participants are willing to pay the total cost. We will, however, put needy</p>

	families in touch with the charitable bequest, The Milner Fund, from which a grant may be awarded subject to circumstances.
Terms and Conditions of the booking	Please note that although withdrawals due to illness/medical reasons with documented proof can be claimed off the insurance, any withdrawal for other reasons can only be refunded at the school's discretion if another pupil is able to take the place. No refunds will be possible within 28 days of the trip and any refunds are calculated on a sliding scale prior to this. Like with any holiday booking through a travel agent, deposits (both first and second) are not refundable. In addition to this, if the agreed amount is not paid in full by the dates agreed, your child will not be allowed to travel.
Other Information	Please note that St Edward's Church of England Academy continues to reserve the right to refuse participation on any educational, sporting or leisure visit on the grounds of Health and Safety, which may or may not be related to behaviour. Any pupil whose behaviour becomes unacceptable may be excluded from the visit and any expenses will be the responsibility of their parents or carers. For the 2020 trip, numbers indicate that there may be capacity to take a small number of children who did not express a preference in the first instance, have recently joined our school, or who went to Cornwall, and a lottery system will be used to allocate these remaining places which will be open to all pupils in Year 6. If this applies to you, and you wish your child to be considered, please return the reply slip below by Wednesday 10 th July but do not send deposit by Parentpay until a place has been confirmed.

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Re: VISIT TO FRANCE SUMMER TERM 2020

Name of child as **it will appear on their passport**

_____ Form: _____

Signed Parent/Carer:

_____ **Print:** _____ **Date:** _____

1. **France as First Choice** (Please delete as appropriate)

I/We give permission for our child, named above, to go on the school visit to France from 17 May -21 May 2020 inclusive and have paid a **non-returnable** deposit of £80 by Parentpay,

2. **Other Pupils**

I/We give permission for our child, named above, to go on the school visit to France from 17 May -21 May 2020 inclusive and will pay a **non-returnable** deposit of £80 by Parentpay **if / when we receive confirmation of a place on the trip.**

I/We understand that the travel and tuition element of this visit is legally a voluntary contribution, and confirm that we are happy to pay this. I/We also understand that my/our child may have to be withdrawn from the trip without refund should their behaviour give persistent cause for concern.

Please return this slip to the school office by Wednesday July 10th 2019.