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Dear Parent/Carer,

As Year 8 Leader, I am excited to inform you that I will be organising a Year 8 trip to Paris, France. Residential trips are an excellent way to enhance learning and build upon foundations learnt in the classroom. They also allow young people to develop their skillset and try a range of exciting activities such as a selection of popular, tried-and-tested excursions across France's capital city including: a memorable day trip to Disneyland Paris, opportunities to test language skills in real-life situations with French language speakers as well as hands-on authentic group activities. We will be staying in the spectacular setting at Château de Grande Romaine.

Overcoming new challenges and working collectively as a team can help improve students' relationships with their peers and foster better relations with teaching staff. Spending time away from home in an unfamiliar environment can bolster self-confidence and help instil problem solving skills and a sense of independence. Our aim is for the students to have fun, learn new skills, become more motivated as individuals, take part in new and enriching experiences, discover more about themselves and their capabilities and to learn to support value and celebrate each other's success.

The trip will take place from **Friday 19th May – Monday 22nd May 2023**. I anticipate that we will leave the school site at 9.30 on Friday 19th May and we will aim to arrive back at 18.00 on Monday 22nd May.

In order to run the trip, we will require a minimum of 110 students to attend.

The total cost per pupil contribution is £495.00, payable via ParentPay (www.ParentPay.co.uk)

A deposit of £75 is required to secure your child's place. This will need to be paid by *Monday 7th November* via ParentPay.

Please note that once you have committed to a trip, all deposits and monies paid will be non-refundable should your child withdraw from the trip.

The next payment will be £85 and this will need to be paid by *9th December 2022*.

The remaining balances can then be / spread paid in three instalments

£100 to be paid by *13 January 2023*

£100 to be paid by *10 February 2023*

With a final instalment of £135 to be paid by *3 March 2023*

I will be arranging an evening event next term, to share some important information specific to the trip. I will inform you of the date in the December Parent Bulletin.

Educational site visits are an additional opportunity for students to support their learning. Should we have any concerns regarding a student's behaviour either prior to or in the time between signing up to the trip, that student will be withdrawn from the trip and individual parents will be notified accordingly. Any monies paid will be non-refundable unless a suitable replacement can be found and in this instance a refund will be issued minus any deposit paid.

It is advisable that students do not take valuables on this trip. However, if it is necessary, please ensure that your own insurance covers such items.

In order for your child to attend you need to give permission via ParentPay. (www.parentpay.co.uk). Please fill in all the required details on ParentPay by *Monday 7 November 2022*.

Yours sincerely



C Royle (Year 8 Leader)