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Dear Parent/Guardian

## VISIT TO NORMANDY, FRANCE - MONDAY 27 JUNE – FRIDAY 1 JULY 2016 - YEAR 8 FRENCH

I am writing to you with important information which you should keep in a safe place to refer to during the time leading up to departure.

### Travel Itinerary

**Departure:** 1145 hours, Monday 27/06/15 by coach from **Salisbury Coach Station, Millstream Approach– meet at 1115**

**Return:** *Approximately* 1430 hours, depending on clearance at port, Friday 01/07/15 to **Salisbury Coach Station, Millstream Approach**

We shall be travelling with Coliseum Coaches to Portsmouth to catch the Brittany Ferries ferry to Caen, returning with Ellisons Coaches from Portsmouth to Salisbury Coach Station. The other teachers who are accompanying the pupils are Mrs Gosse, Mr Fay and Mr Hole.

All pupils need to ensure that their luggage is kept to a minimum; **PLEASE USE A SOFT TRAVEL BAG, NOT A HARD CASE** (see packing list attached). It is important that all pupils have a small "daybag" with them which contains the items that will be needed during the journey, as they will **not** have access to their main luggage until we arrive at the château.

My emergency contact number for the duration of the trip will be school mobile: 07887 653368. All routine contact should be via School Reception, 01722 333851. In an emergency Mr G Lloyd can be contacted out of school hours on 07957 932950 (M) or 01747 821951.

### The ferry journey

It is very important that all children bring sufficient quiet activities for the 6 hours' crossing, e.g. games, reading material. **They will also require a generous packed lunch for the boat and supper during the journey.** Pupils will, of course, be able to stretch their legs by walking around the boat in small groups, but the majority of the time will be spent sitting down. Please ensure that your child has travel sickness pills if these are required and that he is aware of the time when these need to be taken. If your child does suffer from seasickness, it is particularly important that he remains seated for the journey.

When the boat arrives in Caen we shall travel onward to our destination by coach provided by the château.

We are staying at: Château de la Baudonnière  
50320 Les Chambres  
FRANCE  
Phone: 0033 233 60 46 95 (emergency only)  
Fax: 0033 233 60 50 23

We shall arrive at the château quite late, and as mentioned above a packed supper or extra money for food on the boat will be necessary.

### **Activities**

Pupils will be engaged in a range of activities during their stay; some will be inside the buildings and others will be in the extensive grounds of the château. Pupils will be working in groups with château staff who are, of course, fully trained. After supper, there will be another activity before we retire.

### **Pocket money**

Pupils will not require much spending money within the château. Twenty euros (the preference is for small change, if you have coins from previous holidays) will suffice. Pupils may also wish to take some extra money for one day out and food on the boat. BWS is **not** responsible for personal items such as **expensive watches, electronic games, phones etc.** Whilst they may be useful for the journey they are not needed for the chateau as the boys will be busy.

### **Kit list**

A soft case/holdall is essential for this trip. I attach a packing list; this is extremely important. I would appreciate it if you could help your child to pack sensibly. Some old clothes are essential – particularly as from the assault course activity alone, one set of old clothes and trainers may well be soaking wet and muddy! Please supply some plastic carrier bags for dirty clothes/shoes as these are useful to keep wet things separated from the rest of the clothes. **Pupils are not allowed to bring aerosol spray products.**

### **Medication**

If your child is asthmatic, please ensure that I am provided with a spare inhaler. It is essential that your child also carries an inhaler at all times. If your child is taking any medication, please ensure that this is given to me - clearly labelled with the child's name and instructions - well in advance of our departure day, if possible. We do not want pupils to administer their own medication. Your child may keep travel sickness pills for the return journey in his luggage and we shall remind pupils to take these before we leave to come home.

### **Arrival home**

We should arrive back in Salisbury at approximately 1430 hours on Friday 1 July. The coach will return to **Salisbury Coach Park, Millstream Approach**. Please arrange for your son to be collected from there.

Should you require any more information, please do not hesitate to contact me at school. There is also a useful section for Parents on the Château website <http://www.the-chateau.com/information-for-parents>.

Yours faithfully

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## SUGGESTED KIT LIST

### PACKED IN A SOFT HOLDALL (NOT A HARD SUITCASE)

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| Valid passport – with Miss Telford                       | Passeport valide                              |
| Valid European Health Insurance Card – with Miss Telford | EHIC  |
| Personal medication                                      | Médicaments personnels                        |
| Spending money   | Argent de poche                               |
| Small ruck-sack for day-trips                            | Petit sac à dos pour les excursions           |
| Pencil case and pencils                                  | Trousse et crayons                            |
| French/English dictionary                                | Dictionnaire français/anglais                 |
| Games and books for the journey                          | Jeux et livres pour le trajet                 |
| Torch  | Lampe   |
| Travel sickness tablets, etc                             | de poche Cachets pour le mal du transport etc |
| Waterproof jacket or cagoule                             | Veste imperméable                             |
| tracksuit bottoms  | bas de survêtement                            |
| sweatshirt/jumper  | sweats ou pull overs                          |
| T-shirts   | T-shirts                                      |
| jeans/trousers   | jeans/pantalons                               |
| shorts   | shorts  |
| socks and underwear                                      | chaussettes et sous-vêtements                 |

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| Pyjamas  | Pyjamas  |
| Old clothes for wet and muddy activities                               | Vieux vêtements pour les activités salissantes   |
| Old trainers for wet and muddy activities                              | Vieilles baskets pour les activités salissantes  |
| Fancy dress (French theme) and costumes for the talent show (optional) | Tenue fantaisiste (thème français) et déguisement pour la compétition de talent (facultatif)   |
| Indoor shoes or slippers   | Chaussures d'intérieur ou chaussons  |
| Trainers or shoes  | Baskets ou chaussures  |
| Washbag: soap, shampoo, flannel, tooth paste, tooth brush, comb...     | Trousse de toilette: savon, shampoing, gant de toilette, dentifrice, brosse à dents, peigne... |
| Personal toiletries  | Affaires de toilette personnelles  |
| One small and one large towel  | Une petite et une grande serviette de toilette   |
| Plastic bags for laundry   | Sacs en plastique pour le linge sale   |