



France 2025

23rd - 27th June 2025



Aims of this meeting

For us to give you information
about the trip

For you to ask questions



Who will be going with us?

Mrs Solloway (Party Leader)

Miss Coppins (Deputy Party Leader)

Mrs Ruggles

Mrs Ross

Mrs Ganapathee



All adults are DBS checked

All activities have been risk assessed

Safety standards have been checked

How will we get there?



Very early 06:30 (to be confirmed)

Meet the coach in the lay-by on Paynes Drive



Drive to Dover (with toilet stops as necessary)

Dover to Calais by Ferry



Short stop at a beach

Drive to the hotel (1 hour)

Afternoon - WE ARRIVE and settle into our accommodation

What will you need for the journey?

Have something to eat before you leave, especially if you take travel sickness tablets

Bring enough food including drinks (not fizzy) packed in a day bag with a re-useable bottle for the week.



How will parents know we've arrived safely?



The school will contact you via ParentMail when we reach the port and the hotel.

That's why it's important we have your correct contact number!

We will also put a regular "blog" update on the website – this will be daily as long as internet connection allows.



Where in France will we be staying?

La Ferme du Moulin aux Draps



Where are we staying?



Accommodation: bedrooms of 6-8 children in large rooms, each with an en-suite bathroom. All rooms will have an adult either next door or at the end of the corridor. Rooms have bunk beds.

Meals will be eaten in a large dining room on site with other school groups.

What's the accommodation like?

Bedrooms are grouped together with staff members on same floor. Rooms are all very similar.





There is a mix of bunk beds and single beds. Rooms have adequate storage and furniture for the children to be comfortable. The bathrooms are spacious and we will expect all the children to shower either at night or in the morning. They will organise this within their room groups.

Plenty of outside space for relaxing and games.
Children will be given clear boundaries of where they can go.



Indoor activity rooms where the children will be able to spend their free time. Activities organised by our animateur in the evening.



Large dining area with a new terrace planned for the summer to give space for all children to sit comfortably for meals.





Meals are traditional French food. The children will have a starter, main course, cheese course and dessert in the evening.

Breakfast

Children will be able to help themselves to a variety of breakfast items. One croissant per child but other bread products, cereals and jams.



What will we be doing each day?

Lundi

Set off, travel and arrive for evening meal.

Practise fire drill and learn general hotel rules.

Find out room groups, unpack and settle in.

Meet our "animateur".



What will we be doing each day?

Mardi - Jeudi

We will have a selection of day trips out. We will be staying fairly close to the local area. Maximum coach journey will be one hour.

Mrs Solloway and Miss Coppins visited the local area to check the accommodation, sample the meals and risk assess visits for our trip.



What will we be doing each day?

Mardi - Jeudi

- Snail Farm
- Boulogne Town Trail
- Aquarium (Boulogne)
- Local market – buying our own lunch and time to browse (Etaples)
- Le Touquet – ice cream and beach
- Visit to hypermarket (Boulogne – Auchan)
- First World War Commonwealth War Cemetary





Buying ice cream



Le Touquet – safe beach, shopping street
(pedestrianised)





Plage Sainte-Cecile



Le Touquet



Equihan-Plage

Beaches – all safe and checked





Etaples Military Cemetery





Etaples - Market Challenge





Auchan - Hypermarket





Snail Farm



Vendredi

Leave straight after breakfast

Visit snail farm on the way to Calais

Packed lunch supplied

Children will not have a meal on the way home.

We expect to return to school at about 19:30 but this will be confirmed after we know which ferry we are booked on.

We will send a ParentMail message when we are about one hour from school.





What to do if you take medicine

All medication must be in a named original bottle or wrapping

Must be given to , our designated medical person, with details of when it needs to be given and whether any has already been taken that day

If any other medical needs arise we will telephone the contact number given to us on the details you have provided.



What if my child gets travel sick?

Always eat something before taking travel sickness medication

Try it out beforehand, to check for any adverse reactions

Bring plenty of travel sickness medicine

Unused medication will be handed back to parents on our return.

What spending money will I need?

30 Euros maximum to be handed into school prior to the trip.

A selection of note sizes and coins in a named envelope.

Include a purse/wallet in your suitcase
50 cent coins are very useful for toilet stops

3 euros in coins if possible (market challenge)



CAN TAKE:

THEY ARE YOUR RESPONSIBILITY



Cameras (disposable or standard cameras which are only for taking pictures)

Books, paper, pencils, card games, travel games etc

It's best to name everything

CANNOT TAKE:

mobile phones, hair straighteners, hairdryers, electronic games, iPod, iPad

DO NOT INCLUDE ANY ELECTRONIC TAG DEVICES IN YOUR CHILD'S LUGGAGE



Food or drink (other than in day bag for the outward journey)

This list is provided as a guide only. Please email Miss Coppins/Mrs Solloway if you are unsure.

- Check the weather forecast for the week.
- Enough clothes to wear, but not too many that you can't lift your case upstairs!
- Slippers/Crocs (for indoors only)
- A small, sturdy rucksack/backpack to carry water and lunch every day
- Water bottle which can be refilled each day
- Sun cream and hat in case of hot weather
- A jumper, waterproof jacket and sensible shoes for wet days and walking
- If you are sensitive to insect bites, please pack insect repellent
- Hayfever medication
- Wash bag and a towel (for washing or showering – we will not be swimming)
- Small packable microfibre towel & beach shoes – if you have them.



We will give you a school contact number before we go. We will be in daily contact with school.

Children will be in charge of their own rooms and equipment. They will need to work together to keep rooms tidy as they will be cleaned daily and points will be awarded for clean and tidy rooms.

Please show the children:

how to recognise their own clothes (preferably named)

how to hang up a wet towel so that it will be fit to use another time!



This PowerPoint will be on the school website.

We will send a reminder during the week before we leave about final arrangements – so don't worry about forgetting anything...



Important

Before you leave, please check with us that you are up to date with the following:

You have signed in for this evening

Consent form (with medical details) has been returned to school

School has the correct contact number

Payments for the trip are up to date

Passport and GHIC cards need checking and copying in school as soon as possible – they will then be collected for travel in the week after the summer holiday



The children will have a great time and will be bursting to tell you all about it on their return!

Thank you for listening.

Any questions?

