

St. Joseph's

Catholic
Primary School



March 2023

France trip to Château du Broutel 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to thank all the parents who have attended the meetings held by myself regarding the upcoming trip to France in 2024. For those of you that have not attended, or for those who may have questions about the trip, I have listed some of the frequently asked questions below.

As you may be aware, this trip was originally planned for the Spring term of 2020. Unfortunately the disruptions of COVID-19 made it impossible for us to attend. I have continued to try to secure St Joseph's children the opportunity to visit France, however with a lack of interest it was regrettably cancelled for the second time.

I am passionate about ensuring our planned trip goes ahead in 2024. Please be mindful that this opportunity may never become available again, especially if it has to be cancelled again. This could be a once in a lifetime opportunity for your child whilst they are at St Joseph's!

Your child will gain confidence, independence, cultural understanding, language skills and experience whilst in France!

I would encourage you, to speak to your children at home about the trip. If they want to go, and it is feasible for you then please consider this opportunity for them. I am more than happy to answer anyone's questions regarding the trip if you feel either of the meetings or the FAQ's below have not satisfied you. Please do not hesitate to get in touch.

FAQs:

How many children are going?

We have 20 children signed up so far and have a maximum of 35 places.

What staff will be attending?

Miss Howard, Miss L Bennett, Mrs Gum, Mrs Burkey and Miss Raymond

What if my child loses their passport?

Your child's passport will stay with a member of school staff for the entirety of the trip and photocopies will also be made in the event of a lost passport.

Will you contact me if there is an emergency?

We are hopeful that there won't be any emergencies, but absolutely. Just like any other residential we will contact you directly if there is an emergency. All of the staff at the Château are fully qualified First Aiders and staff are onsite 24 hours a day.

What do they need to pack?

Your child will need a sleeping bag, towels and a pillow. Please check the weather forecast prior

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to the trip to ensure you pack appropriate clothing for the weather.

Have I missed the deposit deadline?

The deadline for the initial £100 deposit is Monday 17th April.

How many children are in one room?

The rooms sleep between 5-8 children, depending on the individual room.

Do they need to take any money with them?

We will be visiting the local market, bakery and chocolate shop whilst in France. If you think your child would like to purchase something then please send them with a sensible amount of Euros. They do not need an excessive amount.

How will I be kept updated on how you are getting on?

As with every trip, we will keep you up to date via our social media platforms and School Gateway. We will also contact you directly if necessary.

Can you send a postcard?

Children will be able to send a postcard home should they wish to but we can't guarantee it will arrive before our return!

Can they phone home?

Children will not be allowed to phone home. However, if they were desperately homesick and a quick call home would help then we would facilitate this.

Can they take tablets/mobile phones?

Tablets and mobile phones will not be permitted.

I look forward to sharing this amazing experience with your child. Thank you for your continued support,

Miss S Howard
MFL coordinator