

Paris Trip 2019 Notes for parents

Thursday 24th October: Arrive in school by **7:45 am** for departure at **8:00 am**

Arrival at hotel approx **9pm (French Time)**

Novotel Marne La Vallée Collégien,

2 allée des Portes de la Forêt,

77090 Collégien

France.

Tel: 00 33 1 64 80 53 53

Monday 28th October: Arrive at school **10:30 pm approx.** (pupils will contact home from services en route to give a more accurate time and then phone from the Severn Crossing)

Friday 25th October: Disneyland Paris all day, evening meal in King Ludwig's Castle, Disney Village and return to Disneyland Park for the night-time parades/ fireworks, return to hotel

Saturday 26th October: Stade de France Tour, Montparnasse Tower, FlyView Paris VR Experience, sightseeing and evening meal in Paris, return to hotel.

Sunday 27th October: Park Astérix all day, evening meal in nearby Pizzeria, return to hotel to pack.

Monday 28th October: Check out of hotel, return trip to Calais, shopping excursion to Cité Europe shopping mall (or Hyper-market in Calais), ferry home. Arrive at The Dean Academy 10:30pm approx.

Money: There is no set limit to spending money. Pupils will need to buy lunch **each** day (I recommend a packed lunch for Thursday whilst travelling) every other cost is included in the cost of the trip.

Parents who wish to do so can separate money into envelopes labelled with the student's name and date which staff will look after and distribute each morning.

English money is required for travelling- Euros can be used on the Ferry however change is given in Sterling.

Clothing: The weather in Paris will be similar to home and we will be spending a lot of time outdoors. Warm, comfortable clothes needed. Parc Astérix has several water rides so a change of clothing may be practical (or go on the rides early in the day!).

Please limit luggage to 1 piece of hand luggage and 1 suitcase per child, which they need to be able to lift themselves. Girls sharing rooms should try to coordinate so there aren't several hairdryers and straighteners in each room.

Please remember European Travel Plugs.

Mobile Phones/ Electronic Devices: These are bought at your own risk. They are **not covered** by the insurance company if broken or lost. Remember that roaming costs can be high- contract phones may need to have roaming activated before you leave the UK. If you bring a camera make sure you know how to use it and bring batteries (they are very expensive in France).

Insurance doesn't cover any items left on the main deck of the coach.

The general rule is if you don't hear from your child then everything is fine.

Rules: Please respect other guests in the hotel and keep as quiet as possible in public areas and at night in rooms. We are staying in a large hotel, close to the airport. It will be busy.

No-one is allowed on deck on the ferry without a member of staff.

Always keep in a group of at least 3 people. If you are separated from a group go straight to the meeting point and wait or if you see another group of pupils join them. There is a "lost children" point in Disney and Astérix. You will have the school mobile number, text it and a member of staff will meet you. You can join the staff until we see another group.

You will be expected to uphold the high standards of behaviour expected by The Dean Academy at all times.

Make sure you pay attention to meeting points and times- pupils will be taken to meeting points on arrival at the parks and a member of staff will be there at designated times in case of problems. Theme park staff will also be able to help.

Please arrive on time to all meeting points- we are a large group and it takes time to get into the centre of Paris from the theme parks, meeting times will be arranged with that in mind.

No chewing gum on the bus and make sure the bus is kept clean and tidy.

Pupils will be split into groups and allocated to a member of staff- this is only for ease of counting, pupils don't have to stay in these groups at all times.

EMERGENCY CONTACT:

IF YOU URGENTLY NEED TO CONTACT YOUR CHILD WHILST IN FRANCE PLEASE CALL THE SCHOOL DURING OFFICE HOURS THURSDAY, FRIDAY AND MONDAY.

(01594 84320)

AT ALL OTHER TIMES, THE HOTEL CAN BE CONTACTED AND WE WILL RECEIVE A MESSAGE.

IF THERE IS AN EMERGENCY IN FRANCE MR MOONEY WILL BE CONTACTED WHO WILL PASS ANY INFORMATION ON TO PARENTS.