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Dear Parents of Year 4 children

I am writing to inform you that we have booked the residential visit to Château de Grande Romaine, near Paris, France (pictured here) for the children who will be in Year 6 in September 2027. Following on from our success in previous years, the 2027 visit will be a joint trip with the Year 6 children from Almondsbury Primary School.



I am confident that the children will have a wonderful time with plenty of new experiences. The visit will take place between **Monday 13 September and Friday 17 September 2027**. Full details of the itinerary will be published when we have them from PGL after the payment of the first deposit. From that point on I will be able to provide specifics such as departure times, transport details and arrival times for our return.

I would like to assure you that your child will be in the best possible care of the staff that will be staying. We have booked the visit for this time of year to ensure that the children develop a closer bond to each other and to their new class teacher.

There are bound to be children who get homesick, it is only natural. There have been on every residential visit that I have attended. I can assure you that this passes, usually quite quickly. If there are children who become ill they will be well cared for and have the expertise of the centre staff as well as the school staff. There is a doctor attached to the centre to call on if the need arises. If your child becomes very ill and you are asked to come and collect your child, the insurance policy will pay for any travel and accommodation costs incurred.

The children will be supervised at all times during the visit. There are security guards on duty 24 hours a day at the chateau, as is the requirement now for all school-based residential centres whether they be in Great Britain or in Europe. The PGL staff are highly trained and capable of attending to the needs of our children. The activities are run by fully qualified instructors. Rigorous risk assessments have been carried out by PGL on the accommodation, activities and visits off site. We will complete our own risk assessments as well.

Whilst we are off site the children will remain with their group leader. A PGL instructor will also be present with the groups. Especially when we are in crowded places, the group will stay together at all times. I believe that all precautions that we can think of have been considered and will be taken.

At the moment we are unable to state the complete cost of the visit as excursion prices for the Autumn 2027 season have not yet been released. However, we estimate it will be approximately **£625**. The cost includes travel to and from Chateau de Grande Romaine, coach travel whilst in France, all meals (apart from those on departing school), accommodation, activities at the chateau, entrance fees and insurance. Spending money is not included in this cost; however we will collect in an amount of 60 Euros per child. Please be aware that cost may well rise if less children wish to go on the residential visit.

The first deposit of £75 will need to be paid by **Friday 10 July 2026**, with a second payment of £100 due by **Friday 23 October 2026** and the third instalment of £100 needs to be paid **by Friday 12th February 2027**. Other instalments can be made via Arbor at your convenience, with the final payment for the visit needing to be paid in full by the **Monday 5 July 2027**. If any parents of a pupil in receipt of benefit related free school meals or have difficulty making the payment, please contact the school office in confidence to discuss financial support.

With a residential trip being such a big adventure for Year 6s, we often have children who are unsure whether they would like to come or not. While we are happy to work alongside you to help your child make this choice, we must insist that all final decisions are made as soon as possible to avoid disappointment – as we are travelling in such a large group, we cannot guarantee that they will be able to accommodate anyone making this decision after the date given for the first deposit.

We appreciate that this cost has risen in comparison to previous trips. Unfortunately, this is out of our control, linked to the impact of both Brexit and the general cost of living increases. As this is such a large sum of money, we would be very keen to do some fund raising to try and subsidise this price slightly. If you have any creative ideas for this, know of any local businesses who may be able to support us or if you would like to take the lead with any events to help raise funds, please do contact the office.

As we are entering a different country within Europe, the children will need to have a passport. **Children will need to travel on their own passport**. Please ensure your child's passport meets the conditions to be valid for travel within France. Details of this can be checked here: <https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/france/entry-requirements> Please note that children do not need to hold specific British passports, simply a passport that is fully valid. If you need to apply for a passport for your child or make a renewal, details can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/get-a-child-passport/first-child-passport> We will need to collect in all passport details in March so please ensure you make this application as soon as possible.

You will also need to **complete a request for a Global Health Card** (if your child does not already have an existing EHIC card which still applies until the expiry date), you can apply online through this website: [Apply for a free UK Global Health Insurance Card \(GHIC\) - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](#), or call 0845 606 2030. Please be aware that the EHIC cards once expired are now to be replaced by the GHIC.

As is normal on residential visits you will be asked to complete a form of indemnity to allow the school staff to take your child with us and administer any medication they may already have or need whilst on the visit. All of these will be completed in the spring term 2027.

We will be organising a parents' meeting regarding the visit in Summer 2027. However, if you have any queries or questions before that time, please do call into the office to speak to or make an appointment to see me.

We do value your support in this matter and look forward to new and exciting times for the new Year 6 children in 2027. Thank you.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P.D. Smith', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mr Paul D Smith

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