

Ref: KH/AC/JC/UpdateParisTrip

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Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to update you on the Paris Trip for Discovery Week 2023. Unfortunately, due to not enough pupil numbers for this trip, we have had to make some changes. Having said that, I hope that what we can now offer is in fact even better value for money.

Originally, we had said that the trip would run from Tuesday 18th July to Friday 21st July 2023 at a cost of £530. We have now had to change companies and they have offered us a trip that is **Monday 17th July to Friday 21st July 2023** at a cost of £580. This is an increase of £50.

We appreciate that this increase is not ideal, however your child will have an additional day in Paris which will allow them to participate in a number of additional visits, as well as the extra night's accommodation and food. Our proposed visits include: -

- Time to practise their French in a market
- Visit Sacré Coeur and Montmartre
- Full day at Disneyland Paris
- Eiffel Tower (visit to the mezzanine floor)
- A river cruise down the river Seine

The changes to the payment schedule are as follows:

Instalment 1: £150 – 10th February 2023

Instalment 2: £155 – 20th March 2023

Instalment 3: £150 – 28th April 2023

If you would like to remove your child from this trip, please email postbox@barrbeaconschool.co.uk



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Finally, we require a photocopy of your child's passport and GHIC card. These can be handed to reception or emailed to postbox@barrbeaconschool.co.uk.

All pupils will need to have either a European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) or a new Global Health Insurance Card (GHIC). The GHIC or EHIC entitles you to state-provided medical treatment that may become necessary during the trip. Any treatment provided is on the same terms as French nationals. If your child already has an EHIC, it will still be valid as long as it remains in date. Please check this carefully.

If your child does not already have an EHIC Card, then you will need to apply for one on their behalf, (this is free) on the following link: <https://www.nhs.uk/using-the/nhs/healthcare-abroad/apply-for-a-free-uk-global-health-insurance-card-ghic/> The card will take around a week to arrive, in most cases.

It is vitally important that you apply for this card. We have fully comprehensive travel insurance but an EHIC/GHIC card ensures ease of medical care at the point of treatment rather than claiming back via the insurance.

British and European passports must have a minimum of 3 month's validity beyond the end of the trip. All passports must be valid until 22nd October 2023 as an absolute minimum. If your child's passport was issued outside of the United Kingdom or European Union, please contact the school via postbox to discuss visa requirements.

Yours sincerely,

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