



Dear Parents,

26th September 2019

Year 10 French Exchange Trip 2019

The Modern Foreign Languages Department is planning a Year 10 French Exchange Trip with Lycée Jean Guéhenno, our partner school in Fougères. We are offering this exchange to students studying French in Year 10. This is a great opportunity to develop the students' linguistic skills and their confidence in the language.

For the exchange, we aim to match students with similar interests so that their stay as part of the family enables them not only to practice their language skills but also helps them to fully experience the French way of life. A profile form will follow soon and will need to be completed by every student on the exchange.

In France, during the day, when the French students are at school, excursions to places of interest will be arranged, and may include the following: Mont Saint-Michel/ Chateau de Fougères/ Saint-Brice-en-Coglès/ Saint-Malo. Our students will be accompanied on these trips by members of staff from the Piggott School. Students will also experience French school life by spending some time in our partner school. The rest of the time, in the evening and at weekends, the students will be with their exchange partner and family who often organise extra activities for them. The same arrangement will apply when the French students come here. As a host family you will be responsible for offering board and lodging and for ensuring safe travel arrangements for your guest to and from the Piggott School.

The English students will go to France and stay with their exchange partners from **Thursday 12th to Thursday 19th March 2020**. The French students will then visit England from **Wednesday 25th March to Wednesday 1st April**.

The voluntary contribution for this trip is expected to be **between £300 and £350**, depending on the number of students. See the following page for further information.

An information meeting for all parents and students will be held prior to the departure of the trip. Students must have a current passport and, if still applicable, an EHIC (European Health Insurance Card) obtainable on the internet at www.ehic.org.uk. The government has issued advice that in the event of a no-deal Brexit, passports may need six months validity left on them from the date of travel, so please be mindful of this if your child's passport expires before the end of September 2020. *Please note that parents are responsible for ensuring a student's eligibility to travel.*

We believe that this is a fantastic opportunity for students to improve their language skills and experience French culture first hand. If your child would like to take part, please complete the consent form below and return it with an initial deposit cheque of £100, to your child's French teacher or the Trips Postbox in Reception by **Monday 7th October**. If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs R Brookfield (Subject Leader: French)

Brookfieldr@piggottschool.org



Year 10 French Exchange 2020 – Consent Form

Please return to the **Trips Postbox** in Reception by **Monday 7th October 2019** at the very latest.

FULL NAME of student (as on passport):

Tutor Group: Passport no: Expiry Date:

I have read the letter regarding the **Year 10 French Exchange 2020** and give consent for my child to take part. I understand that we will be required to host a French student in return, from **Wednesday 25th March to Wednesday 1st April 2020**.

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I enclose a **deposit cheque** for **£100** (made payable to The Piggott School). I have written my child's name, tutor group and Y10 French Exchange 2020 on the back

OR: I do not have a chequebook so I have made the deposit payment of **£100** online, via the SCOPay app or through the Piggott School website.

OR: I wish to request financial assistance. I have sent an email to trips@piggottschool.org outlining the reason (eg. FSM, PP, other extenuating circumstances).

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I confirm that the medical/dietary information held at school is correct and that my child has no medical conditions that might affect their performance or safety on this trip.

OR: I have emailed medical@piggottschool.org with details of any new medical/dietary information that the school is unaware of and any medical conditions that might affect my child's performance or safety on this trip. *In your email please clearly state the name of your child, their tutor group and the name of the trip*

If there are any changes to my child's medical/dietary conditions between now and the time of the trip, I undertake to let the School know by emailing medical@piggottschool.org.

I agree to staff giving permission for any emergency treatment that the medical authorities deem necessary.

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I agree that, should my child withdraw prior to the trip, or I am unable to continue payments, I would lose the initial payment, and any payments already made would be used to cover cancellation charges and administration, the balance being refunded.

I agree to my child's medical and dietary information and the personal profile form being shared as necessary with my child's host family in France, and with any school staff involved in the exchange trip. This is to ensure the safety and wellbeing of your child, and to arrange a suitable exchange partner pairing. This information will be held for duration of the trip and its administration and will be destroyed once the trip has been completed.

Please contact the school if your emergency contact details for the duration of the trip will be different to those already held by the school.

Name of Parent /Carer _____ Date _____

Signed _____ (Parent/Carer)