

Year 7 Trip to France: 6th - 10th July

2nd July 2015

Dear Parent

I am writing with regard to the Year 7 trip to Chateau Beaumont in France. As you will be aware there are some concerns with regard to the on-going industrial action that is causing disruption to cross channel services, the migrant situation in some ports and the current high security alert in place.

We have been seeking and awaiting further advice about the above from the local authority (Hampshire Outdoor Education), the tour operator and the coach company before being able to come back to you.

We can confirm our trip departs from Portsmouth to Caen and returns using the same ports. With Calais being the only port currently affected by industrial action, the route appears to be viable and hopefully no industrial action will cause delays to journeys. Using these ports also means that there should be no problems with regards to the migrant situation.

A high security alert with regards to terrorist activity is in place in France and security measures have been reinforced. The Foreign Office advise all travellers to be especially vigilant at all times but have not restricted travel to France. It should be noted that there is considered to be a heightened risk globally against UK interests and British nationals across Europe, including in this country, to put this into perspective.

We do not want to unduly alarm you but wanted to make you aware of the advice we have sought and received with regard to the trip going ahead next week as planned. Our staff will, of course, be particularly vigilant with the safety and well-being of all on the trip and this will be paramount at all times. Unfortunately if you should decide to withdraw your child from the trip at this late stage we would not be able to offer a refund and would ask you to let us know before the end of school on **Friday July 3rd**.

Should you wish to discuss the above further do not hesitate to contact Mrs Dover (French Trip Organiser) or Mrs Briggs (Deputy Headteacher/Trips and Visits Co-ordinator).

Yours sincerely

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