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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am thinking ahead to our very exciting Year 7 residential trip to Paris, which will take place from Tuesday 7th June to Friday 10th June 2022. It may seem a few months off yet, but there are several key points we would like to draw your attention to:

- **Passports:** The government website information suggests allowing up to ten weeks for passport applications. With this in mind, we would recommend that any child in need of a first passport or a renewal apply for one as soon as possible. Passports must be valid for at least three months after the day you plan to leave France, so three months after the 10th June 2022. Please check the government website if you have any queries:
[Entry requirements - France travel advice - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/visiting/france)
- **GHIC/EHIC:** The EHIC card (European Health Insurance Card) requirements have changed. Each pupil will need their own EHIC card (if it is still in date it is still valid according to the website), or will need to have a new GHIC card in their own name. Please see the NHS website for how to apply. Although the normal application time is 2 weeks, the website suggests there are currently delays, so it may be a good idea to make this application well in advance also. **GHIC cards are free and you should not have to pay for this service.** Check the website below for more information:
[Applying for healthcare cover abroad \(GHIC and EHIC\) - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk/visiting/healthcare/ghic-and-ehic)
- **Importance of COVID Vaccinations:** We recommend that, for ease, all pupils who are already 12 have been double vaccinated ahead of the trip where possible to avoid certain restrictions (see paragraph below). Currently, your child will need to provide evidence of these vaccinations (you can apply for a NHS COVID Pass letter for travel abroad, however please note these are only valid for 30 days and you should get the letter within 7 working days of the date of request). Under 12s do not need to be vaccinated.

Current travel restrictions and advice relating to COVID are constantly changing. At present, **unvaccinated** 12-year olds are subject to pre-departure testing (either a PCR test or antigen test taken by a professional) and additional daily testing in France which could result in further costs (approximately 25 Euros per day). Our travel operator is optimistic that COVID restrictions could well be eased by the time we travel, however this is something to be aware of. We will monitor the situation and update you accordingly.

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Thank you for checking the above information carefully and preparing for your child to travel. We will collect in passport numbers some time ahead of the trip and ask you to confirm that your child has a valid EHIC/GHIC, to avoid any last-minute issues. We will also be collecting spending money (we suggest 50 Euros) ahead of the trip.

Please find attached a suggested **kit list** as well as **insurance documents** for you to review.

There will be an **information evening** around a month before we depart, however in the meantime if you have any queries, please contact the school office and we will do our best to answer them.

Yours sincerely,

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