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Y6 Trip to Paris - 2025

Dear Year Five Families,

Following a very successful trip with Year 6 children across our partner schools within ATLP last month, we are delighted to be able to now offer St Chad's children the opportunity to take part in the 2025 Year 6 Paris visit. This will take place from **Monday 10th to Friday 14th March 2025**. This will be the first St Chad's visit to Paris, but the 12th visit for some of our other ATLP partnership schools who will also be attending.

The children will be collected by coach from Lichfield in the early hours of Monday morning and travel to France, arriving early evening. We return at approximately 7.00 pm on the Friday.

The trip will be led by Mrs Norton (ATLP Strategic Primary Lead) and Mrs Llewelyn-Cook (Head Teacher at Two Gates Primary School) in conjunction with PGL Travel Ltd, a first-class operator with a solid reputation for organising school trips - a reputation built up from over 60 years' experience in the school travel business. All PGL centres are regularly assessed by the relevant regulatory bodies within the industry and are operated to the highest standards. They are backed by ABTA membership and are ATOL licensed ensuring that all payments made are fully insured.

There are significant benefits to be had from an international residential visit. It affords the opportunity for the pupils to succeed in a new challenge, enjoying the benefits of increased self-confidence and the forming of new relationships both within their peer group and the wider range of people they will meet whilst on the trip with staff and children from primary schools in our ATLP partnership. It also offers a different cultural experience and the opportunity to develop a new awareness and sense of achievement. If you require further information about the Centre and PGL as a company, please visit their website on www.pgl.co.uk

The children will be accommodated in a converted chateau on the outskirts of the city. The chateau was formerly a 3-star hotel and was used as the training camp for the Brazilian National football team when they were preparing for the World Cup. During their time in Paris, the children will participate in a full schedule:

- Visit Sacre Coeur and the Artists' Quarter
- A trip up the Eiffel Tower
- A tour of The Stade de France
- A boat ride along the Seine
- Visit Chateau de Fontainebleau
- A full day and evening excursion at Euro Disney



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- Visit Vimy Ridge War Memorial if Tunnel times allow
- And...
- Organised evening activities at the Chateau

The estimated full cost of the visit is £595.00 per child which includes travel, insurance, accommodation and meals at the Chateau, all activities and a hoodie and cap for each child. There is a requirement for a valid passport (with at least 3 months remaining after our return on 14th March 2025) and an EHIC or GHIC medical card (free to obtain). An additional cost will be pocket money (110 Euros maximum) and meals enroute (£10 for UK stop off and 15 Euros for France stop off on the outbound journey; £15 on return journey).

An initial deposit of £50.00 will be due on ParentPay by 30th April 2024 to secure your child's place.

*The full deposit is £160 per child, but we realise that this is a large amount to ask for by April 30th. We will therefore outlay the full deposit on your behalf. Please be aware that the deposit of £160 is non-refundable, so if you make your initial payment of £50, you are committing to a non-refundable deposit of £160.

Both the remainder of the deposit and cost of the trip will need to be paid by yourselves. The initial £50 payment will be followed by monthly instalments (more information to follow) and a final balance payment is due on 17th January 2025 but if you wish to make additional interim payments, you are more than welcome to do so.

If your child is in receipt of free school meals, and your child would like to attend this trip, please come and speak to Mrs Draper via the school office about a reduced cost.

We understand that you will have many questions and would therefore like to invite you to a meeting and short presentation (with opportunity to ask questions) on Monday 29th April at 5pm. Please use the Microsoft Form above to indicate your intention to attend the meeting.

I understand that a Paris 2025 letter went home the last academic year, however, this letter has the latest information on. I know that some parents, therefore, have already paid a form of deposit and we have a list of those parents.

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Yours sincerely,

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