

Friday 4th October 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

KS3 Visit to France - May 2025

Passports

Thank you to parents who responded to the email earlier in the week about passports. Due to the new border control regulations coming into force in November, pupils going on the French visit will need to travel on their own passport. Passports will be looked after by a member of staff for the duration of the visit and only given to the children when needed for boarding.

If your child does not have a passport, or the passport that they have is not valid for **3 months** after May 2025, please make an application for one as soon as possible.

GHIC and EHIC card

Each child will also need an individual UK Global Health Insurance Card (**UK GHIC**). This card would be required in the event of your child needing medical treatment during their stay in France. An existing EHIC will remain valid until the expiry date on the card. You can apply for a new card up to 6 months before the current card expires. The card will need to be valid for the entire visit.

A UK GHIC and UK EHIC are free of charge. Beware of unofficial websites, they may charge you a fee to apply. Application should be made via the dedicated website <https://services.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/cra/start>

We do not need to gather the passports or GHIC/EHIC cards in until closer to our departure, however, we will require you to provide us with a **photocopy of the photo page of your child's passport** and of the **GHIC/EHIC card by no later than Friday 31st January 2025**. This should provide ample time to obtain the necessary travel documents. If you do not have access to a printer or photocopier, we are more than happy to offer this service.

We will hold a parents' information evening in the Spring term to discuss travel, accommodation, and planned visits. This is also a chance to address any questions.

Can we kindly request that all payments are kept up to date and should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,



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Lead for French / Visit Lead