## BOWERHAM PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL



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Dear Year 5 Parents,

We are excited that our annual Year 6 residential trip to France has been booked for  $2^{nd} - 6^{th}$  September 2024.

After such an amazing trip this year, we have made the decision to go again to Chateau d Ebblingham which is on the Opal Coast. This centre gives our children a dual experience of exciting outdoor activities, exploring places of interest and putting their French linguistic skills to the test. Children will have a full itinerary of activities and excursions during their stay. Some of the activities that are available are: visiting Etaples market and Etaples military cemetery, Le Touquet town and Menin Gate & the Last Post Ceremony. This will give you an idea of the exciting, educational and fun packed week the children will have.

The total cost of the trip will be £500 per child payable in instalments. We do understand that some families are experiencing financial difficulties at the moment and we really don't want to put any added pressure on to you. For this reason we have split the cost of the trip into 11 payments to hopefully help reduce any pressure. The cost of this trip includes **all food**, **accommodation**, **activities**, **excursions**, **spending money** and **insurance cover**. A similar holiday with PGL but in the UK would be approximately £400; so we feel this trip to Europe is very good value for money and gives the children an enriching experience.

However, if your child is either on free school meals, an armed forces service child or a looked after child school will pay for this trip (apart from the £40 spending money and the hoody) from the ppg budget unless you are willing and able to meet any contributions towards the cost...please see ppg statement on the school website <a href="PP Strategy">PP Strategy</a> (bowerham.lancs.sch.uk) for further details of how this is spent.

If you are able to contribute towards the trip, please indicate the total amount you are able to afford on the slip below and we will amend your payment plan accordingly.

Please note that you will also need to purchase a France hoodie at a cost of between £18.00 and £22.00. The payment for this will be due at Easter. The hoodie is essential as it is to be worn by your child throughout the trip for security and identification whilst in France. After the trip it can be worn as school uniform throughout the rest of year 6.

If your child does not have a passport they may be able to go on the school's collective passport if this service is still available from the passport office. This is only available for children who **do not** have their own passport. If your child has their own passport, please check its expiry date now. This will give you plenty of time to either renew your child's passport, if desired, or notify us that you wish your child to be put on the school's Collective Passport. You should have at least 3 months left on a child's passport from the trip return date. If you choose to put your child on the collective passport, you will not be able to apply for an individual passport for them until after the trip has taken place.

A total deposit of £85 is required and should be paid no later than  $1^{st}$  December 2023 via Parentpay (£40.00 by Wednesday  $1^{st}$  November & £45.00 by Friday  $1^{st}$  December). The remaining balance can be





paid in instalments, but must be a minimum of £45 per month, with the final payment payable by 1<sup>st</sup> September 2024.

We would appreciate prompt payment of each instalment as this enables the administration of the trip to flow as smoothly as possible. If you have any difficulties meeting the instalment deadlines please do not hesitate to contact us.

Deadlines for payments for the trip are as follows:

## **Optional Payment Dates**

1 <sup>st</sup> instalment	By Wednesday 1st November	£40.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> instalment	By Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	£45.00
3 <sup>rd</sup> instalment	By Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> January	£45.00
4 <sup>th</sup> instalment	By Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> February	£45.00
5 <sup>th</sup> instalment	By Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	£45.00
6 <sup>th</sup> instalment	By Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	£45.00
7 <sup>th</sup> instalment	By Wednesday 1st May	£45.00
8 <sup>th</sup> instalment	By Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	£45.00
9 <sup>th</sup> instalment	By Monday 1st July	£45.00
10 <sup>th</sup> instalment	By Thursday 1st August	£45.00
11 <sup>th</sup> instalment	By Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> September	£55.00

Thank you for supporting our exciting residential trip.

Yours sincerely

Jo Banks

France 2024

Name \_\_\_\_\_\_

I do/do not\* wish my child to go on the Year 6 residential trip to France September 2024

I have paid £85 deposit via Parentpay \_\_\_\_\_

My child is eligible for Pupil Premium and I am unable / able\* to contribute £\_\_\_\_\_\_ towards the cost of the France 2024 trip.

My child has got their own passport and the details are:

Passport number: \_\_\_\_\_\_ Expiry Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>\*</sup>please delete as appropriate.