

LODDON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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YEAR 6 RESIDENTIAL TRIP

Le Chateau de Warsy, France: 6th - 10th June 2016

Dear Parents/Carers,

We regard it as an important part of our curriculum at Loddon Primary School to offer every child the opportunity to take part in a residential activity week. A residential field trip offers enormous potential for children's learning and social development as well as an opportunity to increase independence in a secure environment. Research indicates that participation in such trips has a positive effect on pupil attainment, individual self-esteem and relationships within the peer group.

We are delighted to inform you that once again this year we will be offering the opportunity of a residential trip to France to Year 6 children. This exciting and enriching trip will give children the opportunity to explore many fascinating sites, experience rich local culture, understand the French way of life, as well as provide opportunities to practise and develop their knowledge of the French language.

Provided that the 43 families who have expressed an interest commit to the trip and we receive sufficient voluntary donations, we will visit Le Chateau de Warsy in the Summer of 2016. Le Château de Warsy was built in 1725 and is now part of the Manor Adventure Group. The Château is surrounded by an exceptional estate consisting of 88 acres of unspoilt woodland and parkland which includes two natural lakes, an outdoor swimming pool and tennis court. Located at the focal point of a small hamlet in Picardy.

For the visit to the Le Chateau de Warsy, the total cost will be £433, which includes full board and accommodation, return coach travel, all excursion transportation and entrance fees, an activity and entertainment programme, instructors who will remain with the group to act as guides and comprehensive travel insurance. We require an initial, **non-refundable deposit** of £50 by **Friday 23rd October 2015** to secure the provisional booking that has been made, the balance being paid over the following months. In the event of cancellation, refunds, excluding the **non-refundable deposit** will be considered on an individual basis. All cheques should be made payable to Loddon Primary School.

Please note that a further payment of £50 will be required by 13th November and two further payments of £166.50 by 29th January and 22nd April 2016.

Section 457 of the Education Act, 1996 as amended by section 200 of the Education Act 2002 permits the school to make a charge only for the board and lodgings costs for this visit. If you receive one of these benefits: income support, jobseeker's allowance (income based), child tax credit (but only when the recipient does not also receive working tax credit and has an annual income of less than £16,040), support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999, guarantee element of State Pension Credit or disability working allowance. Should you receive one of these, you may not



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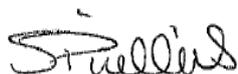


have to pay the board and lodgings charge and this can be checked after you complete and return the attached tear-off slip.

As the school does not have the funds to cover the costs of travel/admission charges, I must ask all parents to also make a voluntary contribution to cover these costs. Without this financial support, I regret that the visit will not be able to take place. In the event that insufficient numbers of parents/carers are willing to make voluntary contributions then the trip may be cancelled. We will write to inform you in early November should this be the case and all monies collected at that point would be returned you.

I would be grateful if you could complete the tear-off slip and return it to the school office as soon as possible and by Friday 23rd October 2015.

Yours sincerely



Mrs S Phillips
Headteacher

Please return to the school office by Friday 23rd October 2015

Year 6 Le Chateau de Warsy

Name of Pupil..... Class.....

Proposed Visit to.....

The total cost of the trip is £433 (consisting of £216.50 for board and lodging and £216.50 for travel and activities)

*I would/would not*like my child to go on the Residential Trip to France 6th - 10th June 2016

I am willing/not willing to pay in advance the board and lodgings charge of £216.50 for the above visit.

I am willing/not willing to make a voluntary contribution of £216.50 to cover the travel/activity costs involved.

I am/am not eligible for remission of the board and lodgings charge.

*Delete as appropriate.

Signed:.....Date.....



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