

Our Ref: JP/FC/JAS/Paris

31<sup>st</sup> January 2024



Dear Parent/Carer

**Re: Smestow and Wednesfield Paris Trip – Additional Details**

Thank you for completing the payments as requested for the Paris trip in March 2024. We hope your child is looking forward to the trip!

**Parent Meeting**

We are currently planning to hold a meeting for all parents of children participating in the trip on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February at 6:00pm in the school hall. This meeting will be no more than 45 minutes. **If you are unable to attend, please notify us in advance as this meeting will contain lots of vital information, such as kit lists and departure times.** Pupils are welcome to attend this meeting with their parents.

**Passports and GHIC/EHIC cards**

All pupils require their own passport. Please send a copy in to the school reception marked for Ms Callanan or a copy via [postbox@wednesfieldacademy.co.uk](mailto:postbox@wednesfieldacademy.co.uk).

All pupils will need to have a Global Health Insurance Card (GHIC). The GHIC entitles you to state provided medical treatment that may become necessary during your trip. Any treatment provided is on the same terms as French nationals. If your child already has an EHIC, it will still be valid as long as it remains in date. Please check this carefully.

If your child does not already have an EHIC card then you will need to apply for one on their behalf (this is free) on the following link: <https://www.nhs.uk/using-the-nhs/healthcare-abroad/apply-for-a-free-uk-global-health-insurance-card-ghic/> They take around two weeks to arrive in most cases.

**It is vitally important that you apply for this card. We have fully comprehensive travel insurance, but an EHIC/GHIC card ensures ease of medical care at the point of treatment rather than claiming back via the insurance.**

If you have any questions, please do email into the school postbox ([postbox@wednesfieldacademy.co.uk](mailto:postbox@wednesfieldacademy.co.uk)) or leave a message with the school reception requesting a call back.

Yours faithfully

Mr Phillips  
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