

24<sup>th</sup> March 2022

## Paris Trip Update

Dear Parent/Carer,

It was lovely to meet those of you who were able to attend the meeting yesterday, and thank you for all your help and support with this trip.

I have been in touch with the tour guide company since yesterday and been researching the guidelines regarding entering France. Whilst I am pleased to say that all students can access every part of the trip as planned, there is a requirement for students to show either proof of full vaccination status OR a negative PCR (taken no more than 3 days prior to departure) or lateral flow test (taken within 2 days of departure).

All information can be found here: <https://www.voyagerschooltravel.com/blog/what-are-the-current-rules-for-school-groups-travelling-to-and-from-france/>

Possible links to book pre-departure test (PCR or LFT): <https://covid.randox.com/pre-departure/>  
<https://www.collinsongroup.com/en/covid-19-testing>

You may be able to find somewhere in the local area (such as <https://www.biogroup-laboratory.co.uk/covid-19> or <https://calderpharmacy.com/covid-19-testing>), but please note the following from the gov.uk website: "You should not use the NHS testing service to get a test in order to facilitate your travel to an-other country. You should arrange to take a private test from a private coronavirus testing provider. Test results must be certified by an approved private test provider to be accepted."

If students are fully vaccinated, they will need to provide proof of this, e.g. the NHS COVID pass. Therefore, please may any fully vaccinated students send this to me before the end of the week so that I can check the information.

I am really sorry about this additional cost, but unfortunately at this current stage the entry requirements to France remain slightly stricter than our own. If any changes do happen, then I will let you know as soon as possible, but please book these as soon as possible to ensure that all students can travel.

**Please note that if your child cannot provide proof that they are fully vaccinated or proof of a negative test on the morning of the trip, they will not be able to board the coach.**

If there are any concerns related to this, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Sampson  
**Teacher of MFL**