

14 June 2022

Dear parents and carers

This trip is fast approaching and I thought it would be a good idea to update you on a few points. Apologies for the changes, these have all been made by the tour company we are going with and are highlighted in bold below.

Firstly, some students have not yet handed in a copy of their passport. Please do this as soon as possible via email to jsmith@carringtonschool.org.

Secondly, if your young person is Covid-vaccinated, we need to a copy of their vaccination status. Please see below more details on this.

We have 4 members of staff going on the trip and will have 2 school mobiles. **The telephone numbers are: 07767361490 or 07530323269.**

Our Up-dated Itinerary

- We must meet at school at 5.15am so that we are ready to leave at 5.30am
- **We will now be travelling via ferry and not Eurotunnel**
- We will stop at various stops such as Bayernwald Trench System, Hill 60, Hooge Crater Museum, Lijssenthoek CWGC cemetery and finally a stop in Ypres to visit a chocolate shop and to see the Menin gate. **We will no longer be able to take part in the Last Post Ceremony** as it is taking too long to get back via ferry ports and therefore we will have to leave Ypres earlier
- We will aim to be back at school for 11pm – this may be earlier and [SHORTSTUDENTNAME] will be able to inform you of this on our way back

What to Bring

- Passport
- Proof of Covid-vaccination status or negative tests as per the details below
- Any medication that the student needs (including travel and sea sickness medication)
- Suitable clothes - we will be visiting historic sites and therefore bare mid-riffs, hot-pant-style shorts and strappy tops, are not appropriate
- Sun cream and/or a coat, weather depending
- Comfortable shoes
- Lots of food – as students require breakfast, lunch, dinner and snacks. More than one drink is also preferable (we will be getting on and from the coach so they won't be needing to carry their bags very often if they are heavy, and can leave them on the coach between times). **Please note that we are no longer able to take meat or products containing meat, milk or dairy products into the EU. Therefore, we must be very careful not to have cheese or ham sandwiches etc. or chocolate. Students will be given a sandwich and a bottle of water from the tour company. They will also be able to buy and eat food on the ferry as well as in Ypres**
- Maximum 20 Euros spending money – please note that there will be nowhere to change money on the trip
- A phone or camera but these will be carried at the owner's risk

Latest Covid Information (please read carefully)



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Belgium have got rid of all restrictions but unfortunately France haven't and as we are travelling through France, we need to follow the below:

If you're fully vaccinated

From 31 March 2022, fully vaccinated (see 'Proof of vaccination status' below) travellers from the UK aged 12 and over must provide proof of vaccination.

Further information can be found on the [French Government's website](#) (in French) and the [French Embassy in the UK's website](#) (in English).

You may also be asked to complete the [EU-PLF form](#) before boarding.

Proof of vaccination status

France will accept the UK's proof of [COVID-19 recovery and vaccination record](#) at the border. The French Government recognises any vaccination certificates that conform to EU norms. This means your **final dose must have been administered at least 7 days prior to travel for Oxford/AstraZeneca, Pfizer/BioNTech, Moderna or 28 days after a second dose of Johnson & Johnson**. For details on how to demonstrate your COVID-19 status in domestic settings in France, see the [Coronavirus page](#). Your NHS appointment card from vaccination centres is not designed to be used as proof of vaccination and should not be used to demonstrate your vaccine status.

For travellers aged 18 and over, France will recognise you as 'vaccinated' for entry purposes if you completed your initial vaccine course within the last 9 months. If more than 9 months have elapsed since your initial course, and you have not since received a booster, you will be considered unvaccinated and must follow the rules detailed below.

Further information

If your vaccine certificate shows a different name to your passport (e.g. marital / birth name), please also carry any supporting documentation (e.g. marriage certificate) when travelling.

Check our COVID-19 advice on things to consider, and be prepared to stay overseas longer than [planned](#).

If you're not fully vaccinated

From 31 March 2022, travellers from the UK aged 12 years and over who are not fully vaccinated need to provide:

- A negative PCR test result taken within 72 hours or an antigen test result taken within 48 hours pre-departure.

Further information can be found on the [French government's website](#) (in French) and the [French Embassy in the UK's website](#) (in English).

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You **should not use the NHS testing service to get a test** in order to facilitate your travel to another 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 you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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