

# Year 7 Trip to The Opal Coast, France

## Monday 17<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July



*We are excited to travel to Northern France for our third residential abroad - giving our budding linguists the opportunity to put their excellent French skills into practise. We had an incredible time last July with over 200 pupils enjoying the trip! We know the experience will be so enjoyable for this year 7. Pupils will experience local markets, tour traditional family-owned bakeries and chocolatiers and travel around the wonderful coast. We want every pupil in year 7 to take advantage of this trip!*

### Trip information – all the key details

#### Cost & payment

<b>Total cost (non-Free School Meals):</b> £270	<b>Total cost (pupils with Free School Meals or a sibling in year 7):</b> £140
<b>Payment 1 - £50 deposit, due Monday 30 Jan 9am</b> Payment 2 - £85, due Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup> March Payment 3 - £135, due Thurs 4 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Payment 1 - £25 deposit, due Monday 30 Jan 9am</b> <b>Payment 2 - £40, due Thurs 9<sup>th</sup> March</b> Payment 3 - £75, due Thurs 4 <sup>th</sup> May
All payments to be made via ipayimpact <a href="#">Welcome to iPayimpact</a>	All payments to be made via ipayimpact <a href="#">Welcome to iPayimpact</a>

#### Documentation required:

- Pupils need a valid passport (less than 10 yrs old, expiry date should be after February 2024 so that it has 6 months remaining). If your child does not have a passport now, you have time to apply. Apply for a British passport here: [Apply online for a UK passport - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk)
- There is no covid test requirement, and we don't anticipate one
- There is no covid vaccination requirement, again we don't anticipate one

#### Information we collect to support the trip:

- We will send you a Forms link to collect key information
  - o passport information (passport number and dates)
  - o medical information – in addition to what we have at school and checking this is correct
  - o emergency contact information – in addition to what we have at school and checking this is correct
  - o dietary information– in addition to what we have at school and checking this is correct

#### Refunds:

- In the event of our being unable to travel due to restrictions introduced by either the UK or French government, all payments will be refunded.
- In the event of an individual pupil being unable to travel due to testing positive for Covid-19 or through needing to self-isolate, all payments will be refunded.
- Cancellation for any other reason would be non-refundable.

**Non-uniform trip:** The trip will be entirely non-uniform and we hope, good weather – we had wonderful sunshine last year!

**Mobile phones:**

- We understand that parents will be keen to contact pupils during the trip. We will allow pupils to bring their phones on the trip.
- There will be clearly designated times when phones are to be used and times when they will be safely collected, as we do in school. For example, we keep them overnight.
- It is critical that we ensure the safety of all pupils and as such we will explain to pupils the parameters around using their phones on the trip, especially regarding their use of social media and taking or sharing photographs/videos.

**Accommodation and rooming:**

- At this early stage of booking, we do not as yet have precise details about rooming. It is most likely there will be rooms of 3-4. We will ask pupils their preference on friends and try to accommodate. Rooms will not be mixed gender. Teachers will oversee pupils safety at all times including checks on welfare in evenings and ensuring they are settled in the evening.
- We will give a further update about the exact accommodation arrangements at Parents Evening on 27<sup>th</sup> April.

**We want all of our year 7 taking part in this trip to France together!**

As we said, we are thrilled to offer this opportunity. We have seen the benefits in terms of friendships, developing independence and further understanding of the importance of learning languages and learning about other cultures. It is an incredible chance for pupils and we want everyone in year 7 to go.

If you are not meeting the threshold for Free School Meals and you think the trip cost will be difficult to afford, please contact our Finance Lead Mrs Shah on [r.shah@arkpioneer.org](mailto:r.shah@arkpioneer.org) and we will do whatever we can to support.

You can also get in touch with the French team by emailing Ms Chapman, KS3 Coordinator: [k.chapman@arkpioneer.org](mailto:k.chapman@arkpioneer.org) who will direct your query.



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