



# French



Information  
for Parents

# Trip

# 2024

# Introduction

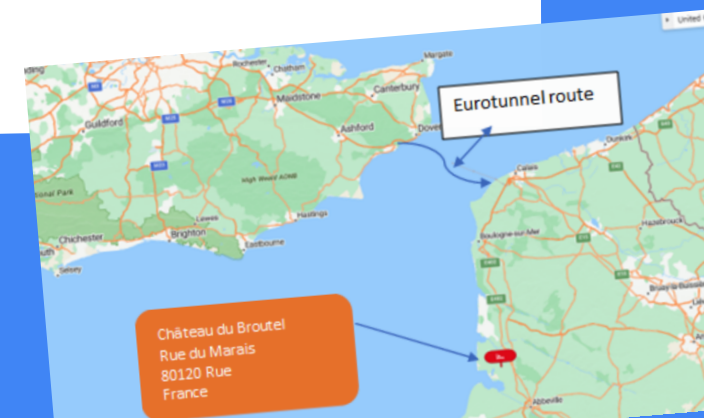


Last year over 250 children and staff from 6 of our REAch2 schools visited France for a week, as part of one of the 11 Before 11 promises 'Crossing the Border'

We are pleased to say that this year we have successfully been granted the funding through the 'Turing Scheme' and we hope to take 300 children and staff from 8 of our schools to France in March 2024

The children will stay at 'Le Chateau du Broutel' and visit a number of locations within the area. This will include the Musée Somme, the trenches, a chocolate factory and a farm.

To ensure that the trip runs smoothly we have designed this pack which will include everything that you need know.



# Travel Dates



## Group 1

**Monday 11th March to Friday - 15th  
March 2024**

Milton Court Academy

Sir Martin Frobisher Academy

Northfield St Nicholas Academy

Ranikhet Primary Academy

St Margaret's Academy

## Group 2

**Monday 18th March to Friday -  
22nd March 2024**

Bushbury Lane Academy

Silkmore Primary Academy

Garden City Academy

\*We are currently finalising arrangements with the travel company and will confirm pick up and drop off times as soon as possible.



# Itinerary



## Monday



- Tour of Chateau / Unpack
- 5–7pm Dinner & free time
- 7–8:30pm Evening activities (Scavenger Hunt & Chateau Olympics)
- 10pm Lights off

## Tuesday



- French school visit & dairy farm or chocolate factory visit with packed lunch
- 5–7pm Dinner & free time
- 7–8.30pm Evening activities (Pétanque & Volleyball)
- 10pm Lights off

## Wednesday



- Battle of the Somme day with packed lunch / Albert Museum / Coach tour of battlefields and memorials
- 5–7pm Dinner & free time
- 7–8.30pm Evening activities (Campfire)
- 10pm Lights off

## Thursday



- 9am – 12pm French Market visit
- PM – Chocolate factory or dairy farm visit
- 5–7pm Dinner & free time
- 7–8.30pm Evening activities
- 10pm – Lights off

## Friday



- Morning Activities / Pack luggage
- Departure from Le Chateau du Broutel, Eurotunnel and arrival home

## Sleeping Arrangements

- Children will sleep in rooms with bunk beds (6–8 pupils per room)
- All rooms are ensuite (shower and toilet are separate)
- Each room has a key code – staff will be given a list of the rooms and numbers upon arrival. Key codes are displayed inside the rooms too to help pupils remember.
- Your child must bring a sleeping bag and pillow with a pillowcase with them. They also need to bring their own towels.



# Information Needed From Parents



## Passports / Collective Passports

Collective (or group) passports are a way for an organised group of young people, (under 18 years old) to travel to other countries for educational or cultural purposes

All passengers MUST have a valid passport. The passport needs to be valid for 6 months after return date. We will require a copy of your child's passport as soon as possible. Before travelling your child's passport will need to be handed into the trip leader at school.

If your child does not have a passport, then we will be able to apply for a collective passport on your behalf, you will need to complete a 'Collective Passport Questionnaire and Parental Consent' (CPNQ1 or 2 dependent on place of birth). For further information click on the following link

[Collective \(group\) passports: Supporting documents - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk)

If your child's biometric data is not up to date (this applies where a child has come to the UK), this can cause delays when applying for a passport or collective passport. Therefore, where this applies, we would encourage parents to ensure biometric data is up to date as soon as possible.

## GHIC

Your child will also need a GHIC or EHIC Card (formerly EHIC).

The UK Global Health Insurance Card (GHIC) lets you get state healthcare in Europe at a reduced cost or sometimes for free.

If you have a UK European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) it will be valid until the expiry date on the card. Once it expires, you'll need to apply for a GHIC to replace it

GHIC and EHIC do not replace travel insurance. The Trust hold sufficient insurance to cover all trip participants and parents do not need to obtain separate travel insurance.

### How to apply

You can [apply for a GHIC on the NHS website](#).

It's free to apply for a GHIC. Some websites charge to help you apply - these are unnecessary, and you do not need to use them.

You'll need to provide your National Insurance number and your child's:

- full name
- address
- date of birth
- NHS Number

**Dietary and Medical Information** - Please complete the provided medical information form and return this to your school office. 7 days before the trip, we will ask you to confirm if any of the information has changed since you submitted the form.



# Clothing and Equipment List



All children will be provided with an 11 Before 11 zoodie and backpack.

Parents will need to confirm the zoodie size for their child

The children will need (all items will need to be labelled with their full name)


- x2 pairs of old trainers
- x3 pairs of old tracksuit bottoms
- x3 (at least) long sleeved tops/sweatshirts
- x1 fleece or 2 jumpers
- x1 waterproof/shower proof/rain jacket
- Casual clothes for the evenings
- Socks /underwear
- Woolly/fleece hat/gloves
- Pyjamas
- Sleeping bag and pillow/pillowcase
- Towel
- Water bottle
- Toothbrush/toothpaste/soap/shower gel/hairbrush/comb
- Packed lunch/snacks for the outward journey

**DO NOT SEND:** Any valuable items/electronic items/mobile phones etc


**Spending Money:** Children will require a maximum of £20 to be spent when visiting local places in France (i.e. chocolate factory). This will need to be handed into the school's trip leader. It will be exchanged for Euro's ahead of the trip. Your school will let you know when they need this by.

If you think that you may have difficulty providing some of the items on the Equipment List, please contact us at [frenchtrip@reach2.org](mailto:frenchtrip@reach2.org)


# Further information




Portals to the Past – WW1 workshops are also funded by the 'Turing scheme', sessions will be held at individual schools in January 2024. For further information see [Portals to the Past | Inspiring history workshops for schools](#)



# Contact during the visit



Individual schools will communicate/keep parents informed during the visit. This will be in line with normal practices adopted at school level. If you have any questions at all about this please speak with your school's trip leader.





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