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Dear Respected Parent/Carer of Year 9

Assalaamu alaikum - Peace be with you

Thank you for the prompt payment towards the French day trip to Boulogne. Your child will benefit enormously from this experience both educationally and culturally.

Arrangements now must be made to pay the second deposit. **Unfortunately, due to rising costs the price of the trip has increased by £20. The second deposit of £60** to be paid on ParentPay by **Thursday 2nd February**.

The photocopies of the passport must be handed in to Mrs. Cusimano. If your child has an EU passport, we also need proof of settled status. We will not take any pupil who does not have proof of settled status.

All pupils travelling to France require a valid passport (and visa if applicable). We recommend that you organise your child's passport well in advance as it can take several months for passports to be issued, especially at peak holiday times.

All information you require is available on the [Passport Office website](#).

- Full UK Passport - Applications can now be [completed online](#).
It is also possible to obtain an application form from the Post Office, although this is a more expensive option.
- If your child has an EU passport, we will need the proof of settled status: [View and prove your immigration status - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)
- If your child does not have a British or EU passport, you will need to apply for a visa (extra cost) : [Applying for a French visa in the United-Kingdom - France in the UK \(ambafrance.org\)](#)

Brexit

Here is the latest Government advice on travel to Europe following the withdrawal of the UK from the European Union.

New rules apply for travel to Europe as of 1 January 2021.

- **You'll need to have at least 6 months left on an adult or child passport to travel to most countries in Europe (not including Ireland).**
- If you renewed your current passport before the previous one expired, extra months may have been added to its expiry date. Any extra months on your passport over 10 years may not count towards the 6 months needed.
- You'll need to [renew your passport](#) before travelling if you do not have enough time left on your passport. However, all designs of British passports that meet the new rules will be equally acceptable for travel.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me via info@egslough.staracademies.org.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs F. Cusimano

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