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May 2020



RE: KS3 Visit to Paris - July 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

This correspondence provides an update on the scheduled Paris visit (between 17th – 20th July 2020).

It is unlikely that the visit will take place as planned in July due to the fact that schools in the U.K might not be open for KS3 students, meaning that it is likely that students will not be attending the Academy for the dates of the visit. At this time, we are unable to cancel the trip ourselves with the travel company, as PGL are still treating trips due to depart from 1st June 2020 onwards as still able to take place, until government advice on school travel changes. If we cancelled the trip now, we would risk losing the deposits paid to PGL already.

PGL however, are also conscious that schools and parents will be aware of increasing cancellation charges as the date of travel approaches. They have decided that if school travel restrictions have not been lifted by **21 days before the travel date**, they will treat the booking as having been cancelled (in effect from 12th March 2020 or 23rd March 2020, the date on which the UK Government advised against overseas and UK school trips). This means that we would not incur any additional costs and we would also be able to claim back deposits already paid from the Government.

So far, we have made two payments to PGL of £75 and £65 for the first and second deposits. As you are aware, the deadline for the final balance payment of £210 passed on Friday 15th May. We now have an extended payment date from PGL, so that our final balance is now due in July, after the decision has been made about whether the trip will be cancelled. If you have made any payments towards the final balance already, this remains in the Academy and we will not be sending any more payments to PGL until we have a clearer picture.

If the trip is confirmed as not being able to go ahead in July by PGL and is cancelled, we would then be able to claim back deposits (already paid) from the Government. A second option that we are also exploring is the possibility of postponing the trip until the next academic year when it is likely to be safer to travel.

We will update you in due course when we have more information and a decision has been made.

Yours Faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A Goodbourn'.

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RE: KS3 Visit to Madrid – July 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

This correspondence provides an update on the scheduled Madrid visit (between 17th – 20th July 2020).

The visit **will not** take place as planned in July, due to the fact that under current government guidelines, KS3 students will not be in attendance to the Academy for the dates of the visit. However, we have agreed to postpone and defer the trip to 2021. The trip will now take place at the end of the academic year: **Friday 23rd July – Monday 26th July 2021**.

We can confirm that the price of the trip will remain the same, **£450 per student**, which will cover: transport by airplane, coach transfers, accommodation, entrance costs and fees associated with all excursions and activities; food, and full insurance.

So far, we have made two payments to TravelBound of £100 for the first and second deposits; TravelBound will transfer over these deposits for next year's 2021 Madrid trip. If you have made any payments towards the final balance already, this remains in the Academy. We will inform you of any rescheduled final payment dates when this information is confirmed by TravelBound.

Please note: if your child is unable to make the trip on these new dates, you **must** contact Reception or Miss Pastor (Visit Leader) to inform us as soon as possible.

Our proposed itinerary remains the same; exact timings will be confirmed closer to the date of the trip:

Friday 23rd July: Students will start discovering the city, walking through the **central streets of Madrid** and stopping for a break at **Churreria San Gines** to taste the typical **churros with hot chocolate**. Afterwards, we will go to the hostel, where we will have dinner and time to relax.

Saturday 24th July: After breakfast, students will take part in a Spanish lesson where they will practise their Spanish. In the afternoon, we will take in a tour of the **Real Madrid Stadium: Santiago Bernabeu**. We will tour around the Stadium and see it as if we were Real Madrid players: the bench, the changing rooms, the field, the museum, the media room! Then, we will head to **El Retiro Park**. There we will enjoy the lake and the immense gardens, as well as visit the exhibitions at the **Cristal Palace**.

Sunday 25th July: We will spend our day at **Madrid Theme Park!** We will have enough time to discover its different areas and take multiple turns on our favourite rides, and whenever we are tired, relax a bit while enjoying one of the spectacular park shows.

Monday 26th July: Before leaving Madrid, we cannot forget to go shopping to **Gran Vía**, where we will have **free time** to buy some souvenirs or even have an ice-cream, enjoying the sun. Finally, we will have time to pack our things and head to the airport.

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All students must have their own passport and currently will still need an EHIC (European Health Insurance Card – available free of charge at www.dh.gov.uk/travellers) that is valid for the full duration of the visit. If your child’s passport was issued by a country that is not part of the European Union, please ensure that parents/carers contact Miss Pastor regarding this immediately, in order for us to process their visa waiver application. If any changes arise with documentation now we have left the European Union, it will be outlined in a further letter.

A Parent Meeting will be held in the new academic year, subject to government guidelines regarding social distancing; more details will be detailed in future correspondence.

Please do not hesitate to contact me by e-mail should you have any questions or if you do not wish for your child to attend the rescheduled trip. My email address is mpastor@q3langley.org.uk – please place as the Subject – Madrid Visit – CHILD’S NAME.

Yours Faithfully,



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