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Dear Parents,

**KS3 TRIP TO LE TOUQUET 12-15 JUNE 2018**

You may be aware that towards the end of the year on alternate years we organise a trip to France to the beautiful seaside town of Le Touquet. The trip has several intentions - to give the youngsters an opportunity to taste the French lifestyle; have a go at speaking genuine French for a genuine purpose and, very importantly, to have a great time and spur them on to even better things in their language learning at Upper School. Trips out of school have many other benefits as I am sure you will already realise, and, like many other schools, we still enthusiastically promote the experience and joy of doing something so different from our day to day lives.

As a French teacher, and keen traveller myself, I know the enormous benefits of foreign experiences. However, a trip such as this is not without its hazards and teachers are, rightly, under more and more pressure to make their trips totally safe and to assess every possible danger. With this in mind, we feel it is essential to ensure that we only take with us those children in whom we can have 100% confidence to behave appropriately at all times and to respond to instructions immediately and without question. It is reassuring to parents who might be worrying about teacher time being taken up with a few demanding children to the detriment of the rest ~ this will certainly not be allowed to happen! We will be in contact with you if we feel it is unwise of us to include your child in our trip.

This initial letter is to gauge the level of interest amongst our families. We propose that the trip will run from **12-15 June 2018** and we will be staying in a hotel near the beach in Le Touquet on the North coast of France. It is impossible to say with 100% accuracy the cost of the trip, because the cost of the transport is divided up between the number of travellers, but we can estimate that the final cost will be something in the region of £300. This will include all transport, food, hotel and excursions (sea life centre; chocolate factory to have a go at making our own chocolates; bakery to have a go at making croissants and theme park). The hotel in which we stay is not a luxury experience, it is more the level of a youth hostel. Children share rooms in groups of 2-5, most rooms have ensuite facilities. The food is fine but again not luxury level, but our children have always eaten well - the hotel also supplies us with packed lunches for us to take on our days out.

If you would like to register an interest in the trip for June of 2018, could you please sign and return the form below.

Yours sincerely

Mrs. E. Clark	Mrs. J Hitchcock
Leader of French	Leader of Key Stage 3

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I have received and understood the information concerning the proposed key stage 3 trip to France in June 2018. I would like to register my interest in my child taking part.

Name (please print) ..... Signed .....

Parent / Guardian of ..... Class .....