



1st February 2019

Dear Parents

Humanities Trip 2019

As you will be aware, there has been considerable debate about the ramifications of the UK's scheduled exit from the European Union, including what effect it might have on school trips in Europe at the time. Our trip returns before the scheduled departure at 11.00pm on 29th and so should be unaffected by any subsequent disruption, although it is possible an unexpected delay could change this.

As you can imagine, we have been monitoring events and considering their potential effects upon the trip. Rest assured we are considering all possibilities and planning accordingly. We will be in touch should anything arise to change our intended itinerary.

With the trip still planned to go ahead as normal, please see the attached Medical Form H, which includes Advanced Passenger Information (API), which we ask you to complete forthwith and return to the Front Office no later than Friday 9th February, as the API needs to be submitted to Eurotunnel somewhat in advance of our departure!

I intend using the medical/dietary information, currently held on the School's database, along with all the contact telephone numbers you have provided to the School. Should you feel that any of the information may no longer be relevant or requires updating, I should be most grateful if you would contact the Prep Department Secretaries at prepsec@townclose.com as soon as possible. This is particularly important should telephone numbers (including emergency phone numbers) have changed. Equally, it is vital that we are aware of any changes to your child's medical history or dietary requirements.

May I remind you of the importance of an up-to-date European Health Insurance Card (EHIC). These are free and can be ordered online at ehic.org.uk. Please ignore any sites who wish to charge you. Your child must also have a valid passport and I urge you to check their expiry date and ensure that, in line with government advice, they are valid for at least six months after our return from Normandy, i.e. beyond 29th September 2019!

Finally, I will be writing to you shortly with a great deal of practical information regarding the trip along with details of our exciting itinerary and an invitation to an after school meeting/briefing session for parents and Year 6 pupils. This will be followed by an opportunity for any parents to pop into my classroom after the meeting for a confidential chat about any 'issues' you may wish to discuss regarding the trip and your child.

With best wishes

Yours sincerely

Richard Kendrick