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Our Ref: SR/TM

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Dear Parent/Carer

Proposed S1 France Water Sports Trip 2020

I am writing to inform you of a proposed excursion which has been arranged for S1 pupils.

Course:	Two centre water sports adventure
Country:	France (Ardeche/Mediterranean)
Depart:	From the School on Friday 29 May 2020 (time to be confirmed)
Return:	To the School on Saturday 6 June 2020 (time to be confirmed)
Duration:	9 days/8 nights
Cost:	£670.00
Mode of travel:	Air-conditioned Executive Coach

Included in the cost -

Return travel, all activities and instruction (including an evening entertainment programme), full board accommodation and insurance.

Not included in the above cost -

Meals during the coach journey, passport and pocket money.

Individual passports are required, please check the expiry date on your child's passport to ensure that it will be valid for the trip. Government advice is that there should be six months left on passports after travel dates. If your child does not have a passport then they must apply for a passport well in advance of the departure date to ensure they receive this on time.

There are few opportunities to buy anything other than stopping for food during the journey. We recommend that the students take no more than €100 (euros) and £40 (sterling). This can be deposited in our camp bank and withdrawn as required.

An EHIC medical treatment card is a necessity. All pupils must take one. You can apply online www.ehic.org.uk, by phone 0845 606 2030 or through the Post Office.

The trip will be led by myself (along with other teaching staff) in conjunction with PGL Travel Limited. PGL is a first class operator with an excellent reputation for organising activity trips for schools overseas.

All aspects of the trip have been carefully risk assessed and adhere to PGL's and East Renfrewshire Council's safety management systems. PGL is backed by ABTA membership.

If you would like your child to take part in this adventure, please complete and return the slip below to note their interest. Return slips should be handed to **Miss Roberts in the PE Department** by **Wednesday 30 October 2019**.

Please note this is only a note of interest at present and is not an offer of a place on the trip. Places are limited and if necessary, a ballot will take place once the number of pupils interested is established.

Please do not hesitate in contacting me should you require further information at this stage.

Yours faithfully

Miss S Roberts
Physical Education Teacher

Please return to Miss Roberts in the PE Department by **Wednesday 30 October 2019**

FAO: Miss Roberts (S1 France Water Sports Trip 2020)

Pupil's Name (please print)

I wish to express interest in my child participating in the Water Sports trip to France 2020.

Parent/Carer's signature Date: