Dear Parents / Carer,

**Trip to Paris 13th – 16th December**

We have been monitoring carefully the situation in Paris in view of the recent unrest in the capital. We are following the Foreign Office advice to be aware of any protests or demonstrations and obviously to avoid areas where they may occur. On a day-to-day basis, life in Paris is calm but like any major western capital city, you have to be vigilant.

At present, the *Arc de Triomphe* is closed due to vandalism and other national monuments may be closed on Saturday. Unfortunately, this does include the Louvre museum, which was a pre-booked visit for that day. We are following French events and shall, therefore change our itinerary (Please see the following pages) to ensure that we see the most famous sites of the city whilst ensuring the care and the safety of all our pupils and staff at all times. The second itinerary may be subject to change during the trip.

Currently our travel insurance policy will only cover any costs incurred due to cancellation or withdrawal if the Foreign Office advise that it is unsafe to travel.

The time of departure remains the same: 8:10 am at the back of Derby station (Roundhouse entrance). Please allow enough driving time to the station. Our return train has not changed. We shall be arriving back on Sunday 16th at 8:19 pm and shall escort all of our pupils to the back of the station.

We are looking forward to the trip to Paris and, are sure that all of pupils will enjoy and appreciate the French capital. Should you need to contact us, please do not hesitate to do so. You can also follow the trip on twitter @KHCAParis2018.

****Yours sincerely



**Mrs D Preston Mrs S Alban**

*Teacher of MFL* Head of MFL

**Thursday, 13th December**

**Morning**

* **Arrive at THE ROUNDHOUSE ROAD ENTRANCE** **OF DERBY TRAIN STATION for 8:10 am**

(Please allow plenty of time to arrive. There are roadworks on the A52 into Derby)

* Train from Derby to London - **Departure 8:57 am**
* Eurostar from London to Paris - **Departure 12:24**

**Afternoon**

* Arrive into Paris at 15:47

**Evening**

* Walk down Champs Elysées and window shopping!
* Meal in a restaurant
* Visit to Eiffel Tour

**Friday, 14th December**

**Morning**

* Notre Dame Cathedral and Sainte Chapelle
* Some shopping for souvenirs
* Visit to Musée D’Orsay

**Afternoon**

* Fashion Show - Galeries Lafayette

**Evening**

* Meal at a restaurant
* Bateau Mouche – boat ride

**Saturday, 15th December revised but subject to change**

**Morning**

* French market
* Walk in the Marais
* Possible visit to Parc Zoologique ( Zoo )

**Afternoon**

* Montmartre and Sacré Coeur ( if time Père Lachaise Cemetery - where many famous people are buried including Oscar Wilde )
* Some souvenir shopping

**Evening**

* Meal in restaurant
* Montmartre by night

**Sunday, 16th December**

**Morning**

* Flower and b**ird** Market
* Tour Montparnasse
* Eiffel Tower by day or Louvre and Tuileries Christmas market

**Afternoon**

* Travel Home

***Can we politely request that the itinerary and any pictures of the trip whilst we are in Paris are not shared on social media for safeguarding and child protection.***