



PRESDALES SCHOOL

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Dear Parents / Guardians

French Exchange 2019-2020

We are pleased to be able to offer your daughter the opportunity to take part in the 2019-2020 French Exchange. A combined group from Presdales School and Richard Hale School will, again, be exchanging with the Collège Gaston Serpette in Nantes, a dynamic town in the south of Brittany, with an exciting cultural life. Whilst there, we will go out on excursions during the day and the pupils will spend the evenings and weekend with their exchange family. For further information on this area please see www.nantes-tourisme.com.



This short stay in a foreign country is a valuable and exciting experience for students. It allows them to sample school and family life and to practise the language skills learnt in the classroom. This can prove to be extremely rewarding and motivating.

We are offering this visit to pupils from Years 9 and 10. There are 18 places available for Presdales School pupils. If we receive more requests than we have places for, then all names will go into a draw which is the school trips policy in this eventuality. We will do our best to match English and French pupils according to interests. We will stay in Nantes from **Friday 8th November to Thursday 14th November 2019** and the French pupils will return **either from Tuesday 10th March to Tuesday 17th March 2020** or from Thursday 12th March to Thursday 19th March 2020 (to be confirmed with our link schools) Everyone who participates in November should expect to host her partner in March.



The estimated cost of the exchange is **£355**. The cost includes a return flight to Nantes, insurance and an excursion on each school day in France. All meals, packed lunches and evening / weekend visit costs are met by the French families during our stay and so pupils should not require an excessive amount of pocket money.

In addition, Presdales host families will be required to provide the necessary documentation to undergo DBS checks for adults over the age of 18, living at the family home. This will incur an additional cost of £20 per adult in the household.

If you wish your daughter to take part in the French Exchange, could you please fill in the reply slip below and return it to Mrs Eyre in the main school office by **Wednesday 17th July 2019** with a deposit of **£50**. Once your daughter's place is confirmed, further payments can be made via Wisepay.

If there are any difficulties with this date, please do not hesitate to contact us. Please be aware that your daughter will need her own up-to-date passport and EHIC (Health Insurance Card).

We have been advised by Hertfordshire County Council that in order to comply with the most recent guidance on safeguarding children, contact must be established between the exchange partners and their parents (via email or by phone) prior to the arrival of the French party. As part of the safeguarding process, we will be asking Presdales School host families and their partner host families in France to complete a home agreement form.





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We shall write to you shortly confirming your daughter's place on the exchange and with further information regarding the schedule of payments as well as the date for the Parents' Information Evening. Should you have any further questions at this stage, please do not hesitate to contact us at school.

Yours sincerely,

Mme Ainge and Ms Rowe
Joint Heads of French

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I/We would like my/our daughter _____ Form _____ to take part in the 2019-2020 French Exchange to Nantes and agree to make a non-refundable deposit of **£50**.

Since the French party will be mixed, we are unable to guarantee that your child will be partnered by a pupil of the same gender, although we will do our best to ensure this.

If there is a very good reason why you would be unable to host a partner of the opposite sex to your child, please specify this on the form overleaf.

Parent /Guardian name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: Home _____

Work _____

Signed: _____ (Parent / Guardian)

Date: _____