

24 January 2017

Dear Parents/Carers

### **Lille Christmas Market Visit December 2017**

I am pleased to offer your son/daughter the opportunity to take part in a three day Christmas visit to France in December 2017. We will stay in the 'Château d'Ebblinghem' which is located 45 minutes from the port of Calais. It is run by the travel company NST who specialise in accommodating groups of young people abroad.

The proposed dates are Wednesday 6 December - Friday December 8 2017, leaving at approximately 6am on the Wednesday and returning around 8pm on the Friday evening. We are aiming for a group of 40 to go but there is flexibility in numbers. This will be a joint trip with Arnold Hill Academy and we will therefore be travelling with 3 teachers from Rushcliffe School and one teacher from Arnold Hill Academy.

The purpose of this trip is to give students an opportunity to experience French language and culture at first hand and to bring alive the language which they study in the classroom whilst out and about in an authentic environment. Here are a few activities planned for this trip:

- visit and tour of an authentic chocolate factory, all in French
- a tour of the old town of Lille in French
- a visit to Lille Christmas market
- a five course Christmas meal
- a crêpe making evening
- a two hour language workshop delivered by the University of Lille
- a visit to Nausicaa, a sea life centre in Boulogne-Sur-Mer
- a town trail in Boulogne-sur-Mer.

The cost of £249.00 includes:

- travel to and from Lille by coach and ferry/ Eurotunnel
- entrance fees and travel costs during the visit
- insurance.

It does not include spending money, meals during the journey or a passport. Pupils must travel on their own valid passport. They must also have their own valid EHIC card.

If you wish your child to take part in the visit to Lille, could you please return the slip to the school office by Friday 10 February. Once a place has been confirmed please pay a deposit of £50 on Scopay.

Please make payments via your online payment account at [www.scopay.com/rushcliffe](http://www.scopay.com/rushcliffe). Please ensure you select the correct product in order for us to track the payments. Guidance is available on the school website at <http://www.rushcliffe.notts.sch.uk/index.php/parent-zone/online-payments>. If you have any further payment queries please contact the Finance team via [finance@rushcliffe.notts.sch.uk](mailto:finance@rushcliffe.notts.sch.uk).

There will be a Parents Information Evening nearer the visit.

Please do not hesitate to contact us at school, if you require any further information.

Yours sincerely

Miss van der Velden  
Head of French

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**Lille Trip – December 2017 – Please Return To The Office By 10 February 2017**

Students name (as shown on passport) \_\_\_\_\_ Form \_\_\_\_\_

I give my permission for the above student to go on the trip to Lille. I agree to pay £249.00 towards the cost of the trip.

I will pay a non-refundable deposit of £50.00 via my Scopay account once a place has been confirmed.

I understand that my child will need a valid passport and EHIC card to travel.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ (Parent/Carer) Date \_\_\_\_\_