

1st July 2022

Dear Varndean Families,

Opal Coast France Enrichment Trip

I hope you are all well and thank you to those who have replied to our previous request for information. Please find attached the final plans and arrangements for the Opal Coast French trip.

Carefully check this information regarding Covid vaccinations and testing; those who are fully vaccinated will need physical proof of vaccination. Those who are over the age of 12 and not fully vaccinated will need to provide proof of a negative covid test. Please see information below from the gov.uk website

(<https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/france/entry-requirements>)

Due to the strict nature of documentation and procedures required to travel we are asking for families to provide a photocopy of your child's passport and certificate of vaccination as soon as possible. This documentation should be returned to the Trips Administrator in the medical office. Please email trips@varndean.co.uk if you have any questions or require any further information on this point.

If you're fully vaccinated: From 31 March 2022, fully vaccinated travellers from the UK aged 12 and over must provide proof of vaccination. We have been advised by our travel agent that if a child aged 12 and over has had a first and second dose of the vaccine they are considered fully vaccinated.

Further information can be found on the [French Government's website](#) (in French) and the [French Embassy in the UK's website](#) (in English). You may also be asked to complete the [EU-PLF form](#) upon arrival in France.

Proof of vaccination status

France will accept the UK's proof of [COVID-19 recovery and vaccination record](#) at the border. The French Government recognises any vaccination certificates that conform to EU norms. This means your **final dose must have been administered at least 7 days prior to travel for Oxford/AstraZeneca, Pfizer/BioNTech, Moderna or 28 days after a second**



dose of Johnson & Johnson. For details on how to demonstrate your COVID-19 status in domestic settings in France, see the [Coronavirus page](#). Your NHS appointment card from vaccination centres is not designed to be used as proof of vaccination and should not be used to demonstrate your vaccine status.

Further information

If your vaccine certificate shows a different name to your passport (e.g. marital / birth name), please also carry any supporting documentation (e.g. marriage certificate) when travelling.

Check our COVID-19 advice on things to consider, and be prepared to stay overseas longer than [planned](#).

If you're not fully vaccinated

From 31 March 2022, travellers from the UK aged 12 years and over who are not fully vaccinated need to provide:

- A negative PCR test result, taken within 72 hours or an antigen test result, taken within 48 hours pre-departure.

Further information can be found on the [French government's website](#) (in French) and the [French Embassy in the UK's website](#) (in English). You may also be asked to complete the [EU-PLF form](#) upon arrival in France.

You should not use the NHS testing service to get a test in order to facilitate your travel to another country. You should arrange to take a [private test from a private coronavirus testing provider](#). Test results must be certified by an approved private test provider to be accepted.

Please note:

1. ALL passengers will need to complete a Passenger Locator Form, regardless of vaccination status. Please complete this form for your child and print off a copy for them to bring. If you are unable to print this at home, we will happily do so for you, providing we have it emailed to us by Thursday 7th July 12pm. Please see attached link for the PLF <https://app.euplf.eu/#/>



2. Our travel schedule is as follows: **We will meet at school at 6:00am on 11th July: students should make their way to the Ditchling Road School Entrance and register with their key teacher.**

We recommend one suitcase and a day backpack per student. Please remember a packed lunch for this first day.

For further information and a full itinerary, please see attached [presentation](#) from Ms Corken. All students have a paper copy but do let me know if you require an extra copy.

3. We also recommend that each student travels with a GHIC card (replacement for the old EHIC). This is free to apply for via the NHS at this link <https://www.nhs.uk/using-the-nhs/healthcare-abroad/apply-for-a-free-uk-global-health-insurance-card-ghic/> Please note, any old EHICs which are still in date, will continue to be valid.

4. We will be staying at: **Hôtel du Moulin aux Draps**, Rue de Cremarest, 62240 Desvres. Tel: 0033 3 21 10 69 59

5. Finally, Ms Corken will be posting daily updates on the @varndean_french Instagram account: follow/check in for photos and clips! Our @VarndeanMFL twitter page will also be updated throughout our visit.

Due to the strict nature of documentation required to travel, we will check all students have the correct paperwork before we leave Varndean.

Thank you again for your patience and enthusiasm for making the Varndean French Trip 2022 happen!

Kind Regards

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