



BECCLES FREE SCHOOL

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Dear Parent / Carer

Lille Christmas Market – Year 9 to 11 – Wednesday 5 December 2018

We are offering students the opportunity to take part in the exciting cultural experience of visiting the French Christmas market held in Lille. This will provide an ideal opportunity to buy Christmas presents and also practise speaking French. Students are also encouraged to sample traditional French Christmas delicacies. Finally there is a chance to meet Father Christmas or to take a ride above the market on the big wheel.

The trip will depart from Beccles Free School at approximately 4.30am and arrive back at 11.30pm (exact timings will be confirmed nearer the time). We will travel to France via the Channel Tunnel and should have at least five hours in the Christmas Market, to explore the historic town and visit a shopping centre.

The cost of the trip is £43. In addition to this, students should bring money to spend in the market, on food and on rides. This spending money should be in Euros and students will be responsible for looking after their own money. Students will need to bring food for the journey to France and for the return journey as we will be travelling over breakfast and dinner time. Students will have the opportunity to buy lunch in Lille.

To secure a place for your son / daughter on this trip we need to receive a deposit of £15 via your ParentMail account by **Monday 24 September 2018**, then a further payment of £28 by **Monday 29 October 2018**. If a place is not obtained on the trip, your deposit will be returned in full, however if you successfully obtain a place we will not be able to refund at a later date as payment will have been made to the travel company. Please note that in accordance with Trust policy, as this activity is an optional extra to your son / daughter's curriculum they will not be eligible to take part if the ParentMail account is in debt.

To take part in the trip students will need to have their own valid passport and a European Health Insurance Card that is in date. Both of these should be handed in to the school office by **Monday 19 November 2018** so that the required information can be passed onto the travel company ahead of the trip.

Places on the trip will be allocated on a first come basis; we provisionally have one coach booked so there are 45 places available.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs H Chapman
Teacher of MFL

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