



Ripon Grammar School

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Paris 2026 – details & consent

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Bonjour! We are extremely excited that 114 year 7 students have signed up to Paris 2026! It is going to be such a great cultural and linguistic experience for the year group.

Obviously, taking such a large group is a considerable undertaking. Therefore, we would be very grateful if you can spare a few minutes to help us with our planning. Please read the Code of Conduct Paris 2026, check if your child has a passport, ensure they have a Global Health Insurance Card (GHIC), check if they need a visa for France, and then complete the Microsoft Form regarding these 4 following things (1 per child, please).

You will need:

1. a valid passport (which must have an expiry date after 26-Aug-2026) for travel between UK and France
2. a valid GHIC card: [Applying for healthcare cover abroad \(GHIC and EHIC\) - NHS](#)
3. any valid visa documents if travelling on a non-UK passport: [Entry requirements - France travel advice - GOV.UK](#)
4. to read and agree to the Code of Conduct for Paris 2026: [RGS Paris 2026 Code Of Conduct.pdf](#) 5. ETIAS travel authorisation (if the UK system is in place by then).

One key piece of information I would like to emphasise is that we have taken the decision for the children NOT to bring any technology with them (mobile phones, smartphones, tablets, earbuds, music players, smartwatches etc.) This is for several reasons:

1. For safety/insurance purposes and the risk of loss or damage
2. So that the children feel 100% present during the trip and make the most of where they are
3. To avoid any issues around having social media during the trip
4. To avoid homesickness. We know that children can feel more homesick if they stay in constant contact.
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If your child would like to take some photos while they are away, we suggest that they borrow a small, cheap camera (many available for under £30) or take a disposable camera.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you need further help or have questions about the trip,

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