



# Brine Leas School

An Academy

Believe, Learn, Succeed

September 2018

## French Exchange 2018-2019

Dear Parent/Guardian

Once again, there is an opportunity for your child to take part in the exchange trip to Brive-la-Gaillarde. Approximately 500 students have experienced first-hand the culture and language of France within a host family, accompanied by staff from Brine Leas School since the exchange programme was set up 26 years ago. We can confidently say that this visit has an impact not only on each child's confidence but helps to improve GCSE grades too. It is also highly beneficial for dual linguist students and students who wish to study A level French.

The visit for the French students to Nantwich should take place from Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November to Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2018 and the return visit to France for our students should take place from Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> until Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2019. As part of the exchange, we would expect you to host a French student for one week.

The basic cost of the visit will be about £250, depending on the number of students involved. This includes travel by plane to and from Limoges, coach, accommodation and visits. If you would like your child to attend, please complete the permission slip below enclosing a non-refundable deposit cheque for £50.00 (the preferred option) made payable to Brine Leas School no later than Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September. Cheques should be made payable to Brine Leas School and returned with the permission slip in an envelope to the Drop Box outside Student Reception. I have also enclosed a Form C (Parental Permission Form). Please complete the form detailing any relevant medical issues your child may suffer from and return it with the payment and permission slip below. Please note, without this form being completed your child will be unable to attend the visit.

Cash payments can be accepted when a cheque is not possible. Students may take cash payments directly to the Finance Office and this will be receipted in the student's planner.

Accommodation for your child will be organised within a host family and days will be spent visiting the French school, going on visits with the French students or within our own party of Brine Leas students and staff. On the reply slip could you please indicate whether you would be happy to host a boy or a girl or either as this will help us to best accommodate the French students.

Following new statutory guidance for schools and colleges published by the Department for Education (see link below), the school must obtain a DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) enhanced certificate information for each adult in the family who will be responsible for the visiting children during the exchange. I have contacted the French school and similar checks will be done for French parents.

**Hosting our pupils. The check is mandatory and will be free of charge as parents will be acting as volunteers. You will be contacted by Mrs Houghton to arrange to be processed in school.**

Headteacher:  
Mr Andrew Clarke  
Audlem Road, Nantwich  
Cheshire

Tel. 01270 625663  
Fax. 01270 610373  
Email. info@brineleas.co.uk

www.brineleas.co.uk



NETWORK OF SCHOOLS



B  
S

*It is the policy of Brine Leas High School to support families when financial hardship may preclude a child from attending a school visit. Please contact Mrs Bradshaw on the above number and the matter will be dealt with confidentiality.*

Yours faithfully.



Mr C Cador  
Head of French  
CCR/SJ/AE/ACE

([https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/737289/Keeping Children Safe in Education Sept 2018.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/737289/Keeping_Children_Safe_in_Education_Sept_2018.pdf))

✂.....

**PERMISSION SLIP – FRENCH EXCHANGE 2018-19 – MR CADOR**

I would like my child ..... Progress Group.....  
to take part in the 2018/2019 French exchange Visit.

My payment option is:

- I have enclosed a cheque for £50 non refundable deposit made payable to Brine Leas School. **Please post in to the Drop Box at Student Reception.**
- I enclose a cash payment that my child will take to the Finance Office with their planner for a receipt to be provided.
- I have enclosed the completed Form C.
- I allow Mrs Houghton to contact me regarding the DBS check.
- I will contact Mrs Houghton myself on 01270 625663.

I would be prepared to host a boy/girl/either\*

\* Please delete as appropriate.

Signed .....(Parent/Guardian) Date: .....