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Dear Parent / Carer

You may know that we are planning to start off a CLiL tutor group at Midhurst Rother College this September. CLiL stands for "content led integrated learning", which means that students learn some subjects through French. These will mainly be practical subjects, where students will be busy doing, hardly noticing that they are absorbing new vocabulary as they go along. The students in our CLiL group will spend one third of a typical week learning through French, whilst two thirds of lessons, (plus break and lunch) will of course be delivered through English, mixing with students from all the tutor groups. We were very pleased to meet lots of Year6 students at our CLiL taster sessions last month, to demonstrate some activities planned for the French CLiL tutor group, starting in September. We have a few more spaces in the CLiL tutor group. During this period of social distancing there are ways in which we can have fun in French and prepare for secondary school.

We had planned to hold a CLiL activity morning at College this week as well as some events in May. Now we will need to postpone these face-to-face sessions and do some virtual activities for the foreseeable future. To build confidence in French, and create some light-hearted competition, I would like to invite any Year 6 students to join an online learning group!

The website is free to use. It is called memrise and offers many language courses at all levels. I have created a group called "CLiL is COOL 2020" for your students to join. Please join the website, choose a username and follow this link <https://www.memrise.com/group/398723/>

I will add a course each week and the students will be able to improve their French and see how they are performing on a Leaderboard. This will hopefully be motivating and fun to take part in whilst we are all spending so much time at home. Any student joining us at Midhurst Rother College this autumn can join in, so please share this link with other friends in Year 6.

Next term I would like to try Zoom or Microsoft Teams with students who are considering CLiL. We can see each other and practise some French online. It would be great to try a joint baking session in French, live from my kitchen, via Zoom for example! Other ideas from the students will be welcome. If your son/daughter might like to get involved and consider joining CLiL please see the CLiL section of our website <https://www.mrc-academy.org/information/clil-2020>, or contact me by email (Fiona.Lunskey@mrc-academy.org) with any questions you have,

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