



Midhurst Rother College

The best in everyone™

Part of United Learning

16 February 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing again to update you on how the ongoing COVID situation will affect our travel arrangements for the Normandy trip in May. The French government has plans to review the regulations at the end of February, so the following is only the current situation which may soon change again.

- Ideally each student will be double vaccinated well before departure. These students will be able to obtain a document confirming their vaccination status. This counts as a "passe sanitaire" and gives them freedom to follow a normal itinerary, go in cafés or other public places, producing their certificate on demand.
- Some students will not be able to get a second vaccination in time as they have recently had COVID. For these students, parents will need to order a "fit to travel" test kit. Several companies sell these tests and we will recommend one once we know these are required. Students would take this test the day before departure and upload the (negative) test result to the NHS website. This would make it possible for students to enter France.
- Once in France, students who are not double vaccinated would need to take tests on the morning of days we are going out (for example to Mont St Michel), and on departure day, but not on days when we are doing activities at the accommodation centre (such as baking or sports). These tests would be carried out by a nurse (who the centre employs for this purpose) and would cost €15 each.
- If this regulation remains in place, we will work out cost implications nearer the time. I know that many of the students coming to Normandy are due a second jab soon, so the above will not apply. France have announced that they are looking to cancel the pre-departure testing from half term but we will have to wait and see, adapting our plans as things happen.
- If your child has had no COVID vaccinations at all for practical reasons, or otherwise, please let us know straight away.

Thank you for your patience with these uncertainties which are of course beyond our control. At least we can be confident that students can partake in the trip, even if their second jab has been delayed by having had COVID recently.

Yours sincerely

Mrs F J Lunskey

Assistant Principal: Raising Standards

Principal: Stuart Edwards

Midhurst Rother College
North Street
Midhurst

West Sussex GU29 9DT

t 01730 812451

f 01730 813524

e enquiries@mrc-academy.org

www.mrc-academy.org

