

11<sup>th</sup> January 2016

Dear Parents/Carers

**Residential Trip to Hardelot, France – Monday 11<sup>th</sup> to Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2016**

As you will be aware, part of what we do here at Beormund is to try and develop your children not only in terms of learning to read, write and count, although these are obviously very important, but we also want to help them grow in confidence and self esteem. Increased self esteem may help them to control their behaviour and develop them into independent young people.

To this end, we are inviting children to attend a residential school trip to Hardelot in Northern France. Young people love the Hardelot Centre because it allows them to explore and to learn about a new culture, themselves and others. The centre provides a unique experience of French culture, gives children the opportunity to practise French conversation skills and develops their independence and team building skills. We believe the trip will be a truly worthwhile experience for the children selected to attend.

The dates for the trip are: **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2016** We will be travelling via minibus, Eurotunnel (outbound) and cross-Channel Ferry P&O (inbound) to give the children the chance to experience different methods of travel. **If your child does not have a passport he can still attend the trip** as we will be applying for a school group passport and your child can be named on it.

If you consent to your child going to Hardelot please:

- **SIGN the permission slip on the reverse** and hand it back to the office as soon as possible
- **Complete and SIGN the medical information form** and hand it back into the office
- Note that a voluntary contribution of **£50.00** would also be welcomed to support planned activities

The things your child will need for Hardelot are:

- 5 sets of undewear + extra socks
- 5 t-shirts + at least two warm jumpers / sweatshirts
- 4-5 pairs of tracksuit bottoms or equivalent
- A raincoat or anorak / waterproof coat in case of wet weather
- Pyjamas, toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, flannel, towel, hairbrush

- Swimming kit
- Wellingtons and trainers (old ones)
- No more than £20 spending money (to be handed into the office in an envelope with your child's name on it along with any medication)

Everything should be put in a small soft bag (note we have to get ten lots of luggage plus supplies onto the mini-bus).

**Please do not send new/best clothes as they may get dirty and/or soiled. Old worn clothes are preferable.**

We will not allow electrical games on the trip including personal MP3 players and the school will not be held responsible for any equipment that is lost, stolen or damaged. The same rule applies for mobile phones, as for many children, conversations with home can often create home sickness. As a staff team we will be keeping in constant contact with the school and you are encouraged to call the office to gain regular updates. In addition, the children will call home from a pay phone as soon as they arrive to let you know they are well.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me or the school office. I am delighted that your child has been selected to attend this unique learning opportunity and look forward experiencing French culture with them.

Yours sincerely,

**Andrew Henderson**  
**Headteacher**

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**PERMISSION SLIP FOR HARDELOT (FRANCE)**

- I agree to my child \_\_\_\_\_ attending the residential trip to Hardelet (France) from 11<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> April 2016
- I have completed and signed the attached medical form
- I have enclosed a contribution towards the trip of up to **£50.00**
- I accept that no electrical equipment, including mobile phones, can be taken
- My child does / does not have a passport (please delete as appropriate)

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_