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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Educational Visits Advice and Guidance regarding Theme Park Visits.

This letter outlines the advice and guidance provided by Entrust for a visit to a Theme Park, in this case Disneyland Paris.

In order to support students and provide appropriate risk assessments staff have visited the park previously and are aware of the range of attractions and rides available. The ratio of 1 staff member to just under 10 students fulfils guidelines as set by the Outdoor Education Advisors Panel.

A degree of independence has been identified as both a benefit and a purpose for the visit, therefore students will be, at times, under less directed supervision. Students will be fully briefed by school staff regarding expectations of their conduct and the necessity to follow safety guidance. They will be given clear boundaries and instructions and a meeting/rendezvous point, which is staffed throughout the day. In addition, school mobile phone details will be provided for students to contact staff at the meeting point. A sign-in time will be designated for students to return to the meeting point to check in with staff. Staff will also maintain a presence through the park and move around the park to check students are following the guidance.

If staff have any concerns regarding any students and their ability to comply with establishment and park safety guidance these students will be accompanied around the park.

If school staff have any concerns about any of the rides and whether the students can be effectively supervised on them then students will be instructed not to go on these rides. Students must follow all guidance given by school staff and park staff including any signs or announcements. Students will be expected to be in groups of 3 or more.

This letter is to ensure parents/guardians are aware of the supervision to be used whilst in the parks and to confirm consent to your child being supervised by this method.

Please be aware that although there are control measures in place to reduce risk, there is always an additional risk with visits to theme parks.

As always, a high level of behaviour is expected from students with regard to their own and others' safety around the park but also on all stages of the journey and trip.

We look forward to an exciting and enjoyable trip!

Kind regards,

Sarah Gregory
Head of ICT and Computing – Trip Leader