

**Headteacher:** Miss L Ferrara

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

**Year 6 French Pen pal Scheme**

We are excited to announce that we are able to offer a French pen pal exchange scheme for our Year 6 pupils.

They will be writing one letter a term to a Year 7 pupil in a school in France. For data protection reasons and to comply with GDPR guidelines, children will only be allowed to exchange the following information:

- First name
- Birthday
- Parent/brothers/sisters/pet first names and age
- Town and country they live in
- Likes & dislikes
- Hobbies
- School name and school routines

Only the personal data highlighted above will be shared. No home addresses, telephone numbers or personal social media pages, including email, will be exchanged and no special category data will be gathered or stored. All letters will be read and checked by our French Teacher and French Lead before being sent via recorded delivery to the school.

We are excited to be able to offer this opportunity and strongly feel that the project will allow children in year 6 to have a genuine, real-life reason to write in French and to apply their learning in lessons. They will form connections with children in another country, allowing them to learn about family life and customs in France. Our hope is that the friendships they forge will be maintained once they leave us and move on to Secondary school. We also hope that it will encourage an interest in and desire to continue learning other languages or continue to develop their French as they move into GCSEs and A-Levels so that they are equipped with the language skills they need to participate fully in a global world in which businesses operate in an international marketplace.

Please sign and return the permission slip below to Miss Moody by Monday 17<sup>th</sup> of March so that we can write and send our first letters by the end of this half term. Students that are not given permission to participate in the scheme will still compose a letter but they will not be posted.

We are extremely grateful for your continued support.

With kind regards,

Miss Meier  
French Lead

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I, parent/carer of \_\_\_\_\_ give/do not give my child consent to participate in the Year 6 Pen Pal Scheme.

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