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Dear parent/carer

I am writing to inform you that the final balance of £147.50 for the year 8 History and Computer Science trip to France and Belgium (15th to 17th May 2024) will be due for payment by Wednesday 6th March 2024, as previously advised on 19th December 2023.

In addition, I also wanted to clarify the arrangements regarding passports and the details below have been taken directly from the government website for travel to France and Belgium:

Passport validity requirements

If you are planning to travel to an EU country (except Ireland), or Switzerland, Norway, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Andorra, Monaco, San Marino or Vatican City, follow the Schengen area passport requirements.

Your passport must be:

- *issued less than 10 years before the date you enter the country (check the 'date of issue')*
- *valid for at least 3 months after the day you plan to leave (check the 'expiry date')*
- *Check your passport meets these requirements before you travel. If your passport was issued before 1 October 2018, extra months may have been added to its expiry date.*

This would mean that the expiry date on the passport must be no earlier than 17th August 2024.

Should your young person hold an EU passport then the rules above do not apply to leaving the UK but will apply upon re-entering the UK. If your young person holds a non-EU passport, can you please check on the travel agreements of the country of issue.

Once all the final payments have been made, I will send further details of the trip once they have been confirmed by the travel company (although I don't expect anything to change at this stage).

Regards

Mr L Pickering