



UK RESIDENT STUDENTS TRAVELLING TO FRANCE ON SCHOOL TRIPS WITHOUT A VISA

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Blue Stamp Travel are not able to give official advice on French visas and information made available to travellers and schools is made in good faith. The final decision to allow people to enter France is made by the Border Police on the day of travel.

Ultimately, it is the individual or school group leader's responsibility to obtain the necessary paperwork needed for the group to visit. Please contact the French Government visa department for the latest information.

For specific advice about visas for entry to France please conduct your own research.

To confirm whether your child needs a visa to travel abroad please visit:

<https://www.passportindex.org/travel-visa-checker/>

Travellers from ANNEXE I Countries:

Travellers from **Annex I Countries** (below) can travel to France without the need for a visa for a period of 90 days within any 180 day period:

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| • Albania ^[b] | • Israel | • Saint Lucia |
| • Andorra | • Japan | • Saint Vincent and the Grenadines |
| • Antigua and Barbuda | • Kiribati | • Samoa |
| • Argentina | • Kosovo ^[b] | • San Marino |
| • Australia | • Macau ^[d] | • Serbia ^{[b][e]} |
| • Bahamas | • Malaysia | • Seychelles |
| • Barbados | • Marshall Islands | • Singapore |
| • Bosnia and Herzegovina ^[b] | • Mauritius | • Solomon Islands |
| • Brazil | • Mexico | • South Korea |
| • Brunei | • Micronesia | • Taiwan ^[f] |
| • Canada | • Moldova ^[b] | • Timor-Leste |
| • Chile | • Monaco | • Tonga |
| • Colombia | • Montenegro ^[b] | • Trinidad and Tobago |
| • Costa Rica | • New Zealand | • Tuvalu |
| • Dominica | • Nicaragua | • Ukraine ^[b] |
| • El Salvador | • North Macedonia ^[b] | • United Arab Emirates |
| • Georgia ^[b] | • Palau | • United Kingdom ^[g] |
| • Grenada | • Panama | • United States |
| • Guatemala | • Paraguay | • Uruguay |
| • Honduras | • Peru | • Vatican City |
| • Hong Kong ^[c] | • Saint Kitts and Nevis | • Venezuela |

Travellers from ANNEXE II Countries:

For travellers from Annex II countries, travel to EU admittance is allowed with a letter from the school if:

- The student is resident in the UK and
- The Student is travelling with a school party.

It does state on the website below though that this is not 100% guaranteed and is dependent on the border control (as is the case with a visa).

Guidance from the EU states:

In accordance with Article 6(2), school pupils who are nationals of a third country listed in Annex I to the Non-EU schoolchildren living in the UK can travel visa free to France as long as:

- They are pupils at a general education school (up to sixth form);
- They are travelling on an organized school trip with their own school;
- They have their own valid passport, recognized by France and they are resident in the UK (valid residence permit);
- They are accompanied by a teacher from the school;
- **The school must ensure it provide the accompanying teacher with a list of the pupils (full name, date and place of birth, nationality) on a headed paper signed, dated and stamped by the head of the establishment.**

Important notes:

- Students of further education colleges or universities / Accompanying teachers / Youth organisations are not eligible;
- **Children must have their own passports and cannot travel on a parent's passport;**
- Note that this, alike a visa, cannot **completely guarantee** entry into France.
- **The decision to allow people to travel or not is made by the Border Police on the day of travel.**

Source: <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/dec/1994/795/oj#d1e75-1-1>

The text below should be copied and pasted on to a school letterhead and signed by the headteacher/principle and stamped with the school stamp.

We would recommend a single letter per student in the event that there are multiple students although officially multiple students can appear on the same letter.

Dear Sir/ Madam,

This letter is to confirm that the following student(s) is/are travelling to the EU in the context of a school excursion accompanied by a teacher of the school and are therefore exempted from requiring an entry visa into the EU.

This is in accordance with Article 6(2), school pupils who are nationals of a third country listed in Annex I to the Regulation and who reside in a third country listed in Annex II to the Regulation.

<i>First Name</i>	<i>Surname</i>	<i>Nationality</i>	<i>Country of Birth</i>	<i>DoB</i>

Date of Entry to France: _____

Date of Exit from France: _____

Name of accompanying teacher: _____

Accompanying teacher passport number: _____

Name of school: _____

Parents/guardians of travellers who are under 18 have consented to their involvement in this trip.

I can confirm the accuracy of data provided in this letter.

Yours faithfully

School Stamp

Name of Headteacher/Principle
Headteacher/Principle