



24 January 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Ardèche River descent and outdoor activity trip 2026, France

I am writing with details of an eight-day trip to the Ardèche River for an outdoor activity visit. The trip involves three days' canoeing on the Ardèche River (including a three-day descent) and the rest of time enjoying other outdoor activities such as high ropes, gorge walking and stand-up paddle boarding.

The dates of the trip are from Sunday 19th July – Sunday 26th July 2026. Please note that this is the first week of the school summer holiday. We will hold a parents' information evening a few weeks before the trip. All students need to have a valid passport (valid for six months after date of return), GHIC health card and a visa if required (it is the parents'/carers' responsibility to obtain it).

Travel is by coach and accommodation is in the tented village at the PGL outdoor activity centre at Segries, close to the Ardeche River.

There are 40 places available on this trip. Places will be filled on a first come, first served basis. The total cost of the trip is **£1198**, which includes all activity equipment and instruction, return travel, accommodation, all meals at the centre and comprehensive insurance. Should you wish your child to be considered for the trip, please return the reply slip attached together with a deposit of **£250** to Student Reception by 31 January 2025.

If you are currently receiving Free School Meals, please tick the box below as there may be funds available to help cover some of the cost of the trip.

For the remaining balance, payments can be made at any time, but we will expect monies to be paid in accordance with the schedule on the next page.

Yours sincerely

Martin Wilkins
Trip Leader
The Castle School

Payment Schedule

Deposit	£250	By 31 st January 2025
1 st Payment	£94.80	By 28 th February
2 nd Payment	£94.80	By 31 st March
3 rd Payment	£94.80	By 30 th April
4 th Payment	£94.80	By 31 st May
5 th Payment	£94.80	By 30 th June
6 th Payment	£94.80	By 31 st July
7 th Payment	£94.80	By 31 st August
8 th Payment	£94.80	By 30 th September
9 th Payment	£94.80	By 31 st October
Final Payment	£94.80	By 30 th November 2025

ARDECHE ACTIVITY TRIP July 2026

I would like my child Form to be considered for the above trip. I understand that deposits are non-refundable.

I am currently receiving Free School Meals

Student's name..... Form..... Date

Signed Printed name (Parent/Carer)