

Press release

Is your child's school French trip at risk due to Brexit?

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- Parents are now being asked to pay for trips to Europe that will take place after Brexit on 29 March. But do their children's schools have a Brexit contingency plan?
- The school's travel insurance may not cover them for delays and possible cancellations caused by the repercussions of a No-Deal Brexit
- A No Deal Brexit means UK drivers' licenses may not be accepted in the EU. If the coach driver doesn't have an international driver's license valid for the countries being visited, the whole party could be turned back at the border
- The prime minister also warned today that UK citizens may need to obtain US ESTA-style visas before visiting the EU if there is No Deal
- The European Health Insurance Card may not be valid with a No Deal Brexit, and the school should confirm they have full health insurance for all traveling pupils

It's the time of year when parents are being asked to pay hefty deposits towards their child's overseas school trips. Many will involve European travel and will take place after the UK has exited the EU on 29 March. They need to confirm with the school that the trip is covered for all eventualities that could be triggered by Brexit.

The school should confirm that the coach drivers hold a full international driver's license covering the EU countries to be visited. The EU have already warned that a UK license may no longer be accepted for driving within Europe post-Brexit.

The school should ensure that its travel insurance covers any Brexit-related delays or cancellations. It should also check it has comprehensive health insurance, as European Health Insurance Cards could be no longer valid with a No Deal Brexit.

"We are speaking to companies on a daily basis from a broad spectrum of industry, including travel and hospitality," says Paul Hodges, chairman of politically impartial business advice website Ready for Brexit. "Some are very busy getting ready for Brexit. But, worryingly, most have made no contingency plans, despite the government's recent issue of guidance notes on preparing for a No Deal Brexit. Parents need to check with the school that their child's trip will not be ruined as a result."

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Notes to Editor

To hear more on how Ready for Brexit will help businesses, Paul Hodges is available for interview on +44 (0)7785 354809.

About Ready for Brexit

Ready for Brexit is independent and objective. It aims to help businesses and organisations understand the challenges and opportunities that Brexit will create. Its founders are highly experienced business people and aim to ensure that SMEs in particular have access to curated and accurate information regarding the Brexit process and what it means for them in practical terms.

The Ready for Brexit Toolkit includes BrexSure for assessing Brexit readiness, BrexList checklists and the unique Brexit Directory covering all the key areas. There is an annual fee of £195 to access the platform, which also includes exclusive Brexit news and features.

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