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Dear Parents/Carers,

RE: German Exchange 2018/2019

I am writing to give you an update with regards to exchange partners, travel arrangements and passport requirements for our trip to Germany in March 2019.

Your son/daughter should by now have received an e-mail from their German Exchange partner and they should hopefully be communicating with them in order to find out as much as possible about their partner before travelling to Germany and also telling their partner lots about themselves. If anyone has NOT yet received an e-mail from their partner, then please do let me know and I will chase this up.

After looking into several different options for our travel to and around Germany the most cost effective option has proved to be flying from Heathrow airport to Köln/Bonn airport with the airline Eurowings and then hiring a coach once in Germany for our day trips. The flight details are as follows:

Departure – Thursday 28th March (Heathrow – Köln/Bonn) 9.45 – 12.10

Return – Thursday 4th April (Köln/Bonn – Heathrow) 13.30 – 14.05

I have not yet confirmed how we will travel to Heathrow airport and at the moment I am considering either booking a coach or using the school minibuses.

Due to Brexit all travellers have been given the following advice:

The rules for travel to most countries in Europe will change if the UK leaves the European Union (EU) with no deal.

After 29 March 2019:

You should have 6 months left on your passport from your date of arrival. This applies to adult and child passports.

Please could you check the expiry date on your son/daughter's passport and, if necessary, ensure that it is renewed before we travel to Germany.

Finally, I would like to give you advance notice of the Parents' Meeting for our trip to Germany which will take place on Thursday 7th March and remind you that on this evening you will also be required to bring your ID documents with you as part of the DBS checking process. I will send out another letter in the New Year with further details regarding this.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs E Jackson
Head of Languages

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