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To: Students in Yrs 7-10 studying German

Dear Parent/Carer

German Exchange Trip

We have an exciting development in our planning for the German Exchange which will take place in 2018.

As you may know are sending a group of students from Ely out to stay with families in Bozen in the German-speaking area of northern Italy. They will be taking part in a range of activities with students and their families from our partner school in the town.

A group of students from our partner school will be making a return visit to Ely later in the year and it is proposed that they visit us between Sunday 3rd to Sunday 10th June 2018.

Given the very kind and generous hospitality which they will have provided to our students during our stay in February, the expectation is that as far as possible, as is usual with exchange arrangements, the return group will be able to experience the same warmth of welcome and hospitable stay with host families here in Ely.

Even though your child has not signed up to visit Bozen in February, it would still be very beneficial for their German studies to have the opportunity to host a German-speaking student in June.

It is possible that students who visit and stay with families who did not take part in the February trip may be able to make a financial contribution towards the costs which you as a family incur in hosting them, on a 'paying guest' basis. More details about this possible arrangement will be provided in due course if there are enough families in the Ely area who are able to participate.

It would therefore be very kind of you to reply to the questions at the bottom of this email and let me know if you can receive and accommodate a visiting student in your home during these dates.

Although German (and Italian) speaking, each of the visiting students have a very excellent command of English, so please do not be concerned about communication difficulties.

In any event, as your child is studying German, it would be a fantastic opportunity for him or her to practice their German and make friends from another culture in their own home environment. You and your child might find it a great opportunity to make friends and establish links so when we run the trip for 2018/19 they may wish to take part and visit Bozen themselves.

I understand that the majority of the prospective visiting guests are girls so it will be useful in particular to know whether you can accommodate girls in your home.



Please can you therefore let me know as soon as possible:

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1. **Whether in principle you can accommodate a guest in your home during 3rd - 10th June, possibly on a paying guest basis.**
2. **Whether you can host a male or female student (or if more than one, the combination which you could host).**

Your reply is only an expression of interest and does not, of course, commit you at this stage to hosting a student in your home. More details will be made available (when I receive them) about who will be visiting and therefore who will need accommodation, when we can hold an information meeting to let you know more about the plans.

Please do drop me a line if you have any questions.

Thank you very much indeed. I look forward to your reply.

Yours faithfully

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