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Dear Parents,

## Exchange Visit to Germany: March 2018

- Sunday 11 March** Assemble in Green Lane car park 18.40  
Depart Dronfield 19.00 (this must be prompt)  
Evening coach journey to Dover,  
Pillows, blankets & entertainment for the journey advised  
Early morning crossing to Calais (02.05 ferry: check in at 00.35)
- Monday 12 March** Onward journey to Sindelfingen  
Students eat packed lunch on journey.  
Arrive Goldberg Gymnasium late afternoon.  
Reception in school hall at Goldberg Gymnasium  
then students taken to partner accommodation.  
Evening with families.
- Tuesday 13 March** Breakfast at school  
Meet with Dronfield teachers at school  
Possible lessons in school  
Reception at Town Hall with the Mayor of Sindelfingen  
Visit Sindelfingen market and pedestrian zone.  
Free time in town with DHFS friends.  
Packed lunch provided by host families  
Afternoon swimming activity with Goldberg partners  
Evening with families.
- Wed'sday 14 March** Breakfast with host families  
First 2 lessons with partners in school  
Treasure hunt in Sindelfingen town  
Lunch at school restaurant  
Afternoon activities will include indoor football  
Early evening bowling activity with Goldberg partners  
Evening with families.
- Thursday 15 March** Breakfast with host families  
Morning excursion to Hohenzollern with partners  
Afternoon visit to Tübingen  
Visit to town pedestrian area  
Packed lunch provided by host families  
Return to Sindelfingen  
Evening with families.

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## Exchange Visit to Germany: March 2018

Proposed programme of activities for the visit to Germany (cont'd)

Friday 16 March	Breakfast with host families Visit to Daimler Benz car museum in Stuttgart. Visit zoo in Stuttgart Packed lunch provided by families Return to Goldberg Evening with families.
Saturday 17 March	Breakfast with host families
Sunday 18 March	Day with families in Sindelfingen area Lunch with families Evening meal with families in Sindelfingen area
Monday 19 March	Breakfast with host families Early morning (08.00) depart from Goldberg Gymnasium Daytime travel to Calais Late afternoon ferry to Dover (17.15 is confirmed) Return to Dronfield expected very late evening, eg 23:59, possibly later

We shall be able to be more precise about the arrival time when we have discussed the return timings with the coach driver. Experience tells me that the return time is something of a movable feast.

For the coach journey to and from Calais and for the ferry crossing participants will be expected to provide their own packed meals although meals may be purchased on the ferry. If soft drinks are to be taken on the journey we advise that they should be in disposable containers and should not be fizzy drinks in cans or energy drinks.

Participants are also advised that if seasickness, travel sickness or diarrhoea has been a problem on previous travels, it would be sensible to take some precautionary medicines with them on the journey. Given the amount of walking likely during the visit, some sensible and comfortable footwear is also advisable. It goes without saying that waterproof coats should be taken by participants. We have no control over the weather. Also any medicines which participants normally take for known medical conditions should be taken on the visit (eg inhalers, insulin tablets etc.). The student is responsible for his/her own medicines and for taking them at the appropriate times.

Cameras and mobile phones are allowed on the visit but they remain the responsibility of the individual student. It should be possible to have a successful and enjoyable visit with 50-60 Euros maximum pocket money. If a student expects to buy many presents and souvenirs, more money would clearly be needed. Students are advised to change their money into Euros in advance of the visit since exchange rates on the ferry are rarely favourable. Students are responsible for their own money during the visit. If your child takes a mobile phone on this visit your child is responsible for the phone and its proper use. The distribution of video recordings made on mobile phones or cameras during the exchange is not permitted at any time, even after return to the UK.

The coach hired for this visit will be fitted with seat-belts and students will be expected to wear these seat-belts during the coach journeys. I would be grateful if you would discuss with your child the importance of complying with this request.

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Proposed programme of activities for the visit to Germany (cont'd)

This is a no-smoking visit. We trust that parents support us in this. The same also applies to alcohol. Please do not ask or encourage your child to bring back alcohol or tobacco purchased on this visit. As a guiding principle, students should not bring back anything that they would find hard to explain to parents, teachers or customs officials.

Telephone number of the Goldberg Gymnasium, 00 49 7031 95740.  
Be prepared to speak German if you ring this number.

The emergency phone contact number for this visit is 07885 817851. This number will reach me any time day or night. The final payment for the exchange is due before we depart.

I intend to hold a briefing meeting for parents and participants in the Phoenix Hall on Wednesday 28 February at 17.30. This meeting should last no more than 45 minutes.

The consent forms for this visit have already been completed by parents as part of the global consent for school visits process. The reply slip attached to this itinerary must be completed by parents, however, and should be returned to school as soon as possible and by Thursday 15 February at the latest.

Your child must be in possession of a valid EHIC insurance card for this visit. These can be obtained free of charge (if you get to a website that asks you for money, you are on the wrong site). If your child already has an EHIC, please check the expiry date in the bottom right hand corner. The best way to obtain or renew the card is via the website <https://www.ehic.org.uk/Internet/home.do> . Your child should have brought the card to school (student services) already. If this has not happened, please ensure that the card is brought to school before Wednesday 28 February.

For advance information, the return visit by Goldberg partners is scheduled for July. They are due to arrive at 5pm on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July and should depart at 7am on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> July. The programme for the return visit will be given in late May.

As ever, I thank you for your continued co-operation in the organisation of this visit. If you have any questions you will be able to get the answers at the briefing meeting or you can contact me at school (01246 412372 ext 163 or email [twalters@dronfield.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:twalters@dronfield.derbyshire.sch.uk))

Yours sincerely



T Walters  
Extended Services Coordinator

Reply slip:

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Mentor Group \_\_\_\_\_

I am aware of the details relating to the exchange visit to Sindelfingen Germany (March 2018)

I know about the briefing meeting for parents scheduled for 28 February 2018 at 17.30.

**Please return this reply slip to Student Services by Thursday 15 February.**

**Do not give it to your House Mentor or to any other teacher.**

**There are no changes to the medical information relating to my child.**

If this is not the case, please give details here:

Medical information

\_\_\_\_\_

Medicines required

\_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Carer name:

**If there are any changes to the medical information relating to your child that come to light between 28 February and the departure date, please inform Mrs Walters in writing.**