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Dear Parent/Carer

Spanish Exchange Trip to Barcelona

Following fourteen successful Spanish Exchanges to Barcelona, I am pleased to announce the fifteenth Spanish Exchange to take place in 2024. We have an established link with the Colegi Sagrada Familia, Sant Andreu, Barcelona and are very much looking forward to strengthening friendships and links made in previous visits.

Colegi Sagrada Familia is a mixed private school of over 1000 pupils between the ages of 3 and 18. We have been given a very warm welcome by the Head and his staff over the past 14 years and by all the pupils and families involved. They have successfully carried out 20 years of exchanges with New Jersey in the USA, Bonn in Germany, Carcassonne in France and Lit in Sweden.

The Spanish Exchanges are hugely successful and greatly improve speaking performance in the language and heighten cultural awareness; We are intending to visit Spain for one week from **Thursday 11th - 18th January 2024** (*these dates are subject to minor change*). The Spanish students will be coming here 5th – 11th March 2024;

This visit to Spain will comprise of a mixture of days spent in school and excursions into Barcelona and the surrounding area; including a visit to the Nou Camp stadium and the Salvador Dalí museum. The school will put on special lessons of our choosing, a lesson in Catalan and an official welcome. The Deputy Head has connections with Barcelona FC and would be able to get tickets to a match should the fixtures coincide. The school uses adjacent sports facilities and arranges competitions between the two schools.

The cost will mainly depend on the price of the airfare to Barcelona. We anticipate it to be no more than **£520.00**. This will include return flights to Spain, transfer to the school and back, all excursions (except if they go to Barcelona FC,) insurance and board and lodgings. You will be expected to provide board and lodgings for a Spanish guest for one week in return.

Application process

Please discuss this with your child and If you wish them to take part in this trip, please can you complete an Expression of Interest Form using this [link](#). **The deadline to complete this form is 9th October 2023**. Once numbers are confirmed, we will email to request you complete the Residential Trip Form and to pay any deposit/full payment via ParentPay.

The payment schedule on ParentPay will be as follows:

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| Friday 13th October (Deposit Payment) | £150.00 |
| Friday 17th November | £185.00 |
| Friday 15th December | £185.00 |

Additional information

Please read our new terms and conditions sheet attached which contains **important information** regarding medical, passports, EHIC/GHIC requirements and Covid compliance etc.

If you would like any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Yours faithfully

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Head of Spanish