

Friday 23rd October 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

Berlin Trip: Proposal to Postpone until May 2021

I hope that you and your family are safe and well. I am writing to you to give you an update on the planned Berlin Trip on 24th-26th February 2021. As you can imagine, there is a lot of uncertainty about travel during the current Coronavirus outbreak. Our travel provider Anglia Tours are still planning for the trip to go ahead as planned and are closely monitoring ABTA, UK Government and World Health Organisation advice. I will always update you if this advice changes. The safety of all students and staff going on the trip is my utmost priority as Trip Leader and **I am proposing to further postpone the trip to 19th-21st May 2021 in order to keep this trip viable.**

I fully-understand that you may be apprehensive about your child travelling due to current circumstances. By further delaying the trip to May 2021, this may give you more reassurance and confidence about your child travelling and can look forward to it still going ahead.

I would be grateful if you could complete a brief questionnaire on Google Forms to help us understand your thoughts as parents about the proposed postponement of the above trip:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/18z7oz_K4mJgZabP1yF-X04EVyVe30f-2YL8qtIQKkY/edit

The total cost of the trip remains £381 as the school agreed to absorb another slight increase in cost due to postponing the trip to May. **The deadline for clearing the balance for the trip on ParentPay remains Monday 30th November 2020.** However, if you are experiencing financial difficulties, then please do contact the school and we will do our best to support you.

May I also ask that you submit your child's passport details as soon as you can as this is now urgent. Please can you do this at your earliest convenience as without these details, we cannot book your child's flights. Please email the following (as is appears on the passport) to lodge.s@risedale.org.uk: First name, last name, DOB, passport number, passport start date, passport expiry date, country of issue, nationality, gender. **Your child's passport must have at least 6 months left in order to travel.** If it is not, you will need to renew the passport at the cost of £49 online: <https://www.gov.uk/get-a-child-passport/renew-a-child-passport>.

Please can you also register for a free EHIC card: <https://www.nhs.uk/using-the-nhs/healthcare-abroad/apply-for-a-free-ehic-european-health-insurance-card/>.

Everything we are trying to plan for has the safety of your child at the heart of it. Please do not hesitate to contact me via email: lipinski.a@risedale.org.uk if you have any further questions on this matter. I will make further contact with you after we have collated the information from the questionnaire and decided how to proceed.

Yours sincerely,

A. Lipinski

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Head of History/Trip Leader

