

Tuesday 18th May 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

SUBJECT: Berlin Trip Update: International Travel

I am writing to update you on the planned Berlin Trip from 22nd - 24th September 2021. The government has now published red, amber and green lists for foreign travel. Due to the ongoing pandemic, the government is recommending schools do not go on any international visits this academic year, up to and including, 5th September 2021. The position beyond 5th September will be reviewed again in advance of Step 4 of the Prime Minister's 'road map' update on the 21st June. I realise that this is close to our departure date, but we still intend for the trip to go ahead. At the moment, Germany is on the 'amber' list of countries, and as it stands, travel to these countries is not advised. As ever, this is a moveable feast and we will continue to communicate with you when we receive an update about international school visits.

The total cost of the trip remains £381 as the school has agreed to absorb an increase in cost due to postponing the trip to September. **Please continue to clear the balance for the trip by 31st July 2021.** Please also confirm your child's passport details and email the following (as it 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, either side of the date of the trip, in order to travel on the above dates.** Please do check your child's passport validity as the September postponement may affect this. You can renew your child's passport at the cost of £49 online: <https://www.gov.uk/get-a-child-passport/renew-a-child-passport>.

I do apologise that I cannot provide more clarity in uncertain times. However, I do hope you understand that we are in a difficult position as a school; our priority is that our pupils are safe and they are able to enjoy this trip that they have been looking forward to for a long time. 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 once we get updates from the government about international visits.

Yours sincerely,

Mr ATJ Lipinski
Head of History/Trip Leader

