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Dear Parents

German Exchange Visits April and July 2011

I am pleased to say that the exchange partners have now been allocated to our pupils. Your son/daughter will hear directly from his/her exchange partner either by email or by letter and it is hoped that they will strike up a friendship via post before our visit to Germany in April. I know that many pupils have already heard from their exchange partners and are beginning to establish a relationship.

On **Sunday 10 April** we intend to depart from Portsmouth Harbour Station at approx **8:30** to enable us to catch flight BE1005 to Düsseldorf, which departs at 14:00 from Gatwick airport. On **Sunday 17 April** we shall be returning on flight BE1006, which arrives at Gatwick airport at 17:30. We shall return to Portsmouth Harbour Station at approx. **21:00**. I shall be in a position to give you more detailed travel arrangements at the information evening on Tuesday, 8 March.

Our German guests will be arriving on **Saturday, 2 July** at approx 19:30 at Portsmouth Harbour Station and departing on **Saturday, 9 July** at approx 8:00 from Portsmouth Harbour Station. Again, I shall be in a position to give you more detailed travel arrangements nearer the time.

During our trip to Germany we shall be visiting Cologne and Münster (an historic University town) as well as enjoying tours of the local area, a day in school and a trip to a swimming centre with our exchange partners. During their visit to Portsmouth our German guests will experience trips to London, Winchester, the Historic Dockyard and either the D-Day museum or the submarine museum in Gosport. I shall be able to give you a full itinerary at the parents' information evening after half term.

May I remind you that your son/ daughter will need their own passport and European Health Card (available from the post office or online). Travel insurance will be provided by the school.

I would like to invite you to a parents' information evening on **Tuesday, 8 March at 19:30** in the Rotunda. This will be a short meeting at which you will receive information about both legs of the exchange and there will, of course, be the opportunity for you to ask any questions.

Yours sincerely

Caroline Coward
Head of German