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Dear Parents/Carers,

TRIP459 DENMARK/UK EXCHANGE PROGRAMME 2024

We are, once again, planning the **Danish Exchange Trip**, which is now celebrating its 41st successful year as an Ecclesbourne Experience. The exchange is aimed at any student in Year 9 and 10 and involves us spending six days in the seaside resort of Kokkedal, which is twenty miles outside of the capital of Copenhagen. The exchange runs from Thursday 23 May until Wednesday 29 May 2024.

The Danish students, who will have hosted our students, will return for six days to Ecclesbourne, in the middle of September 2024 and we expect that the majority of our students will want to host.

We will fly from Manchester to Kastrup airport, Copenhagen and all students will be placed with Danish families who have children between the ages of fourteen to fifteen. During the trip students spend the day with each other and the teachers, immersing themselves in Danish culture and visiting an array of interesting places, including the zoo, the science museum and Hamlet's castle in Helsingør. The evenings and part of the weekend will be spent with their hosts.

The total cost of the trip will be approximately £550 but this is subject to any changes due to any new Government taxes on flights and the possible introduction of visas to the EU. It will cover return flights, the coach to the Airport and back, all transport whilst in Denmark, insurance costs and the entrance fees of any places we visit.

All food whilst we are there will be provided by the host family, but we suggest students take approximately £60 spending money to cover souvenirs and general pocket money.

The number of places available on this trip is limited and therefore places will be allocated to eligible students. Should the trip be oversubscribed, students will be given priority for a place in the following order:

1. Students who have been unsuccessful in gaining a place on a previous trip within the same school (Lower/Upper);
2. Students who have not previously been on a residential trip whilst in their current school (Lower/Upper);
3. All other students who have expressed a wish to partake in this Exchange visit.

If you would like your child to take part in this event, please complete and return the reply slip below by 26th October 2023. If your child is successful in gaining a place, you will be notified via ParentPay. Payment for this trip should be made online via the ParentPay system. However, if you have opted to use the PayPoint system you will be issued with a letter containing the appropriate barcode, which will enable you to pay by cash at any local store participating in the PayPoint method.

If your child is in receipt of Pupil Premium funding and you wish them to be considered for financial support for this trip/resource, then please tick the box on the reply slip and return to the trip/event organiser. We will inform you of any support we are able to offer at the earliest opportunity.

Once your child has had their confirmation of a place; a non-refundable deposit of £100 will be required by 1st November 2023. The remaining payment dates will be 1st December £100, 1st January £100, 1st February £100, with the remaining balance of £150 paid on 1st March.

New Government safeguarding measures came into force in September 2018, which requires host families to have a DBS check, this is not an onerous task, and the school will undertake the checks. A detailed DBS information sheet, Denmark Exchange Information Sheet and a Medical Information Form will be given out once their place on the Exchange Programme has been confirmed.

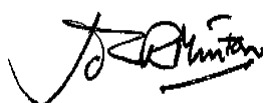
In the interests of legality, safety and the school's reputation in matters of propriety, any student who attempts to consume alcohol, to smoke or to engage in the abuse of other substances, may be sent home at their parents' expense to await a full investigation by the school, which could result in serious disciplinary action. (NB: No child would be sent home without first contacting the parents/carers concerned and reaching agreement that the transport arrangements were appropriate).

We are aware that students may wish to take mobile phones and other small valuable items of equipment with them. Should they do so, the items will be the student's responsibility and will be taken at their own risk. Accompanying staff cannot accept any responsibility for such items.

When paying for the trip via Parent Pay you will be prompted to tick a box to indicate that you signify your acceptance of these conditions and are willing to impress upon your children the consequences of not complying with these rules.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss any matters in further detail, then please do not hesitate to contact me on the office number 01332 843267.

Yours sincerely,



John Minton
Trip Liaison Officer



Adam Gosden
Group Leader

Reply Slip TRIP No 459 DENMARK/UK EXCHANGE 2024

Please complete and return this slip to Mr Minton by Wednesday 26th October in the Community Liaison Office

I wish my daughter/son to join the party visiting Denmark in May 2024 and, if successful, accept the conditions stated in the letter and agree to make payments via ParentPay / PayPoint.

Please print in **BLOCK CAPITALS**

STUDENT NAME: _____ **FORM:** _____

TEL No: HOME _____ **PARENT / CARER MOBILE:** _____

ADDRESS: _____

POST CODE: _____

STUDENT'S SCHOOL EMAIL ADDRESS -----

PLEASE TICK THE RELEVANT BOX

- ☐ My son/daughter has been unsuccessful in securing a place on any previously advertised trip within his or her current school (Lower/Upper) due to over-subscription.

Trip Name.....Trip Leader..... Approx. date of trip.....

- ☐ My son/daughter has not been on a residential trip before within his or her current school (Lower/Upper)

- ☐ My son/daughter has been on a previous residential trip or trips within his or her current school (Lower/Upper)

Trip Name Trip Leader Approx. date of trip

Please email a barcoded letter to enable me to pay via PayPoint in line with the payment schedule.

Email Address:

Pupil Premium funding request ☐

I understand that in the event of the trip being over-subscribed, that my son or daughter may not gain a place on this trip. I have read the criteria for selection in the above letter.

I have read the statement regarding Consumption of Alcohol/Drugs and agree to comply with the conditions therein.

I consent for my details including name, address, email and phone numbers to be shared with Danish host /guest family.

Parent/Carer Signature: Date: