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Our Ref: KH/FC/cc/German Christmas Markets Trip

22<sup>nd</sup> September 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

**German Christmas Markets Trip**  
**6<sup>th</sup> December – 9<sup>th</sup> December 2022**

Your child has expressed an interest in participating in our upcoming educational visit to the Rhineland area in Germany. The trip will be taking place from Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2022 – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2022 and will be of particular interest to those studying German but is open to all pupils in Years 7-9.

On the trip, pupils will travel by coach to Germany (via ferry from Dover to Calais), in order to visit authentic Christmas Markets in the beautiful city of Cologne. The visit to Cologne also includes a boat trip along the famous Rhine river. The trip includes a visit to Phantasialand Theme Park, where pupils will be able to experience rollercoasters and other amusements in Germany's own version of Alton Towers.

The prospective itinerary is as follows:

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2022 – Depart school at 5.30am, travel to Germany

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2022 – Christmas Markets and boat cruise in Köln

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2022 – Phantasialand Theme Park

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2022 – Travel home, arriving at Barr Beacon School at approximately 10.00pm

We will be staying in Köln Deutz Jugendherberge, in the heart of Köln city centre. Breakfast and dinner are both included in the cost of the visit and pupils will need to bring money with them to buy lunches for each of the four days.

There are 45 places available for this trip, and places will be awarded on a first come, first served basis. All pupils who wish to participate in the visit must have their own passport which is valid until at least 10<sup>th</sup> June 2023. A copy of your child's passport must be handed in with the reply slip below.

Germany currently does not have any COVID vaccination requirements but this may change with little notice. This may of course change before we travel. Any changes to entry requirements that mean you choose to withdraw your child from the trip will result in losing the money paid to date for the trip. Our travel insurance will cover us in the case that the trip is not able to go ahead at all.



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The price of the trip is **£430** per student, and payments are required as follows (the schedule is dictated by our travel company):

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2022: £175.00 deposit (**this is non-refundable**)

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2022: £220 payment

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2022: £35 balance payment

We will host a parent meeting prior to the trip to ensure that parents are fully briefed about the visit and our expectations of pupils while they are away.

If your child is interested in participating in this educational visit, you will find the option to make the deposit payment on your child's Wisepay account. Payments will open on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2022 at 5.30pm. We anticipate this being a very popular opportunity, so please ensure that you complete the following to confirm your child's place.

- Make the deposit payment on Wisepay
- Return the reply slip below to the school reception
- Return a copy of your child's passport to the school reception or send via email ([postbox@barrbeaconschool.co.uk](mailto:postbox@barrbeaconschool.co.uk))

If you have any queries, please contact Miss Callanan (Assistant Headteacher) at [postbox@barrbeaconschool.co.uk](mailto:postbox@barrbeaconschool.co.uk)

Yours Sincerely



Mrs K Hibbs  
Headteacher

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### **Germany Christmas Markets Trip - 6<sup>th</sup> December – 9<sup>th</sup> December 2022**

Pupil Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Form: \_\_\_\_\_

I give permission for my child to attend the German Christmas Markets Trip from Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December to Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2022.

- I have made the deposit payment on Wisepay
- I enclose a copy of my child's passport (valid until at least 10<sup>th</sup> June 2023) or have emailed a copy to [postbox@barrbeaconschool.co.uk](mailto:postbox@barrbeaconschool.co.uk)

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

