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**Mr D Cooper
Principal**

20th March 2017

To parents of current years 7,8,9 and 10

Dear Parents/Carers

Re: Spanish exchange October 2017 and March 2018

I am writing to give you advanced notice of a very exciting new Spanish exchange that will take place next academic year. After the success of the French exchange, we want to give the same opportunity for the students studying Spanish at BVC. This is a great opportunity for your child to stay with a Spanish family, to experience at first hand Spanish culture, and very importantly to learn a great deal of spoken Spanish in a short time. I hope to run this exchange every other year and so it would be possible for your child to continue their friendship over a number of years.

Purpose? An exchange is the ideal way for students to practise and learn a language, to make friends and form some long lasting friendships with a family in another country. Students will communicate in Spanish and build up confidence in their language skills as they live with a family and experience life in a different culture.

When? We will go to Spain and stay with our host families from Tuesday 17th to Monday 23rd October 2017. The Spanish students will come to England and stay with us from Monday 5th to Monday 12th March 2018.

Where? The school is called Los Escolapios in Albacete, which it is a city situated near the Mediterranean cities of Valencia and Alicante and the beautiful capital of Spain, Madrid.

How does an exchange work? There are two parts to an exchange. Firstly, we visit the Spanish families and stay in their homes. We will spend a day or two days in a Spanish school and have some trips out, but we will be there for a weekend and have the opportunity to have lots of time with our host families. Secondly, we would each host a Spanish student for the duration of their stay, and look after them as we would our own children. They will spend a day in school and will go on some trips on other days.

Cost? October 2017 – when we go to Spain, the main cost is the travel to Spain. We will travel by plane and I can estimate the cost of the flight tickets will be between £70-£120 return. An approximate price of the trip will be between £220 and £250 which will include all travel, cost of the outing in Spain, and activities which we organise in Spain. This is dependent on numbers going on the trip. Students may wish to take some spending money with them. I am not planning on any expensive outings while we are in Spain. March 2018 – when the Spanish students are here, you would be expected to feed them and get them to school when necessary, but the cost of the day trips would be met by the Spanish students.

If you are interested in your child participating in the exchange, please complete the attached reply slip by **Friday, 31st March** and enclose a deposit of £80. Cheques should be made payable to Bassingbourn Village College. In the event that this trip is over-subscribed, names will be selected at random. Deposits will be returned to parents if your child's name is not selected. If your child is a Pupil Premium student they may be eligible for financial assistance to enable attendance on the trip. If this is the case please contact me to submit a request for help from this fund.

I think that this is a very exciting opportunity for our students. Please do not hesitate to contact me at the email address below if you have any further questions.

Yours sincerely

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Please return this slip to reception or to finance

I am interested in my child participating in the Spanish exchange, my child going to Spain in October 2017 and hosting a Spanish student in March 2018. I enclose £80.00 cheque/cash

Child's name: _____ Year group: _____

Signed: (parent) _____ Date: _____