



Backwell School

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Dear Parent/Carer

Backwell Spanish Exchange Pre-arrival meeting and Payments

We are delighted that your son/daughter is able to participate in our Spanish exchange with Colegio Calasanz Escolapios in Salamanca.

Thank you for initial payments made. Please find the payment schedule outlined below and payment should be made via www.parentpay.com the school's online cashless payment system. Please ensure your payments are up to date so we can book flights promptly.

Monday 18 June 2018	Non-refundable deposit	£100
Monday 16 July 2018	Non-refundable deposit	£100
Monday 10 September 2018		£75
Monday 8 October 2018		£50
Monday 5 November 2018	Final payment	£50

The Spanish students' arrival is almost upon us, so I hope at this stage students have made an initial personal contact with their exchange partners. I am writing to invite you to a meeting on **Thursday, 27 September in the Sixth Form Lecture Theatre at 6.00 pm**, to discuss arrangements and to answer any queries that you may have. Please complete the tear-off slip below to indicate your intention to attend and return it to the Modern Languages Department by **Monday, 24 September**.

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For your information in advance of the meeting, we will meet the Spanish students at 11pm on Friday, 5 October, at Bristol International Airport. I suggest parking in the short stay car park rather than the drop off which gets very expensive after the initial period and delays are not always foreseeable. On the first Saturday morning, students and their partners will meet at Jungle Rumble, Cabot Circus, in the centre of Bristol at 11.00am. The rest of the weekend, and also the second weekend of their visit, will be spent with host families. On Monday, 8 October, Spanish students will spend the day in school, and then the following four days visiting sites of local interest, including London, Bristol and Bath. On Tuesday, they will visit Harry Potter Studios when they will be joined by their English exchange partners; **please provide an emergency contact number if you wish your son/daughter to participate in this trip.**

With regard to the London trip on Wednesday, the Spanish students will be departing from Backwell School coach park at 9.00 am, and arrangements will need to be made to collect the students from school upon their return at around 9pm. For all other trips, we will depart from Backwell School at 8.45 am and return in time for buses and lifts at 3.15 pm, **except the trip to Harry Potter Studios when they will all return to school at 8.30pm.** On Sunday, 14 October, we will meet at Bristol International Airport at 3.00 pm, to check in the Spanish students for their flight home.

Please remember your son/daughter will need a passport for travel next January, valid for up to six months from the date of his/her return. He/She will also require a European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) for health insurance purposes. Cards are free and available via the website, www.ehic.org.uk

I look forward to seeing you on Thursday, 27 September.

Yours sincerely



N Maguire
Second in Languages

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Please return to the Modern Languages Department by Monday, 24 September.

NAME OF STUDENT: _____ TUTOR GROUP: _____

I/We shall be attending the Backwell Spanish Exchange meeting at 6.00 pm on Thursday, 27 September. Yes/No*

I agree that my child may participate in the trip to the Harry Potter Studios on Tuesday, 9 October. Yes/No*

**Please delete as appropriate.*

Emergency Contact: _____ Telephone: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____
Parent/Carer