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Dear Parent/Carer

COVID- Travel to Germany 2022

Thank you for your interest in the Berlin 2022 trip and for your initial payment. I have been contacted by our travel company today and am writing to inform you of the most up to date travel advice with regards to traveling to Germany in the current COVID climate. I am sending you this information to enable you to make an informed decision about whether you wish your child to continue to participate in the trip.

At present, German authorities will not let anyone above the age of 12 into the country without proof of a COVID vaccination. The Foreign Office website states that:

*'You may enter Germany from the UK for any travel purpose if you are **fully vaccinated**. Those individuals who are not fully vaccinated may only enter Germany from the UK if they are a German citizen; child under 18 of a German citizen; a resident of Germany; child under 18 of a resident of Germany; serve in an important role; or have an urgent need to travel. Travellers who are **not fully vaccinated** and do not meet one of the exemptions outlined above **may not** currently enter Germany from the UK.'*

As the UK is currently classified as a 'high incidence country' by Germany, entry to Germany is only possible with proof of a COVID vaccination. **Therefore for a student to participate in this visit, they need to be fully vaccinated and carry a vaccine certificate.** As a school, we have absolutely no flexibility on this and have to adhere to the travel restrictions enforced by German border control. I understand that this may require some consideration on your part.

We will be monitoring the advice surrounding entry to Germany closely and will inform you immediately of any changes and of how we are required to demonstrate proof of a vaccination. Please contact Mr Ahmed if you have any further questions.

If you feel that in light of this information that you wish to withdraw your child from the trip, please contact Mrs Davis at Student Services. We will endeavour to find a replacement from our student reserve list, but please note that reimbursement of your deposit will not be possible if a replacement cannot be found. This is in line with the terms and conditions of our travel company, European Study Tours. Thank you for your understanding and my apologies for any inconvenience caused.

Yours faithfully

Mrs L Williams
Head of Humanities

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Acting Head of History