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Dear Parent/Carer

As you know the Barcelona trip is nearly upon us and we realise that there have been many changes and incidents occurring in Barcelona. We just wanted to assure you that, as a school, we are closely monitoring the events as they occur alongside the Government website which advises travel during such times. Any new information relating to the event is being posted onto our website for your information. (<http://www.rivermead.org.uk>)

In the instance of events intensifying before or on the day of travel we will follow the Government advice and it may result in the trip being cancelled or postponed. Our contingency plan whilst away will be to avoid Barcelona itself and instead go into Vilanova I la Geltru or Tarragona. Both will give the learners a real taste of Spain even without the main attractions of Barcelona. There is also plenty to keep the learners busy on the site should there be any problems with travel this includes a shop and restaurant so remaining on site is not a problem if necessary. We are working with a private company for transfers, rather than public transport so getting to the airport will not be a problem.

We have the contact details for the British Consulate in Barcelona as issued by the FCO and we continue to monitor the situation closely and to follow FCO guidelines. (www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice)

The Site we are staying on is managed by an English family who speak Spanish fluently and will endeavour to do everything they can to make the stay easier and run smoothly. They understand the needs of the learners and have taken this into consideration.

I hope that this letter puts your mind at rest and will enable you to feel confident that your son or daughter's safety and well-being is our priority. Updates will be posted to the school website throughout the stay to keep you regularly informed.

Yours Sincerely



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