PARTNERSHIP AND EXCHANGE PROGRAMME AGREEMENT: CONDUCT

Context: Erasmus, among the other things, promotes international citizenship and good relationships between students, teachers, schools and countries. Everyone has a role to play in fulfilling this aim. This document is concerned primarily with the conduct of students but also offers important guidance to staff.

General Expectations

Students must understand that expectations may differ from country to country. The purpose of visiting another school and staying with families is to enable the student to gain a fuller understanding of different cultures. Host families are responsible for the students staying with them; for that reason, students must adapt to what the host family asks and its general expectations and must understand that their host partners still may attend lessons in the mornings and may have to study in the afternoons and their host parents have to go to work. Equally, individual schools offering experiences to students from Horizon schools may choose to clarify their expectations and set rules in accordance to local custom and the demands of particular activities. Sending schools should select the students for the experience according to preferably agreed general criteria between schools and prepare them before leaving.

Specific Requirements and Advice

When staying with a host family students are expected to:

- engage fully with the life of the family and their normal ways of doing things;
- use a shared/common language for communication and avoid conversations that exclude some family members;
- if invited, participate fully in family meals and conversations;
- avoid interrupting family gatherings e.g. by switching off or not using mobile phones at meal times;
- demonstrate willingness to try new or different foods;
- demonstrate respect for the family's values and cultural differences e.g. in responding to expectations of how students of the opposite sex should behave when together;
- keep to all deadlines, for example times to return from social activities;
- When attending lessons or school-run activities students are expected to: act as an ambassador who will
 impress the host school by demonstrating enthusiasm for learning and readiness to engage fully in
 planned activities;
- be ready to offer the host class or school an opportunity to ask questions about life in their own school or country;
- keep to the deadlines, for example times to return from planned activities;
- When enjoying free time students are expected to: stay with their host partners and vice versa;
- adapt to what host students/families propose to do/are willing to do/are available to do.

A Note on Alcohol and Smoking Consuming drugs, drinking alcohol and smoking is not allowed. Please note that failure to follow any of the above rules and guidance may result in students' families and school being informed immediately and, if the students' behavior does not change, they can be sent home, at their families' expense. "

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