

Exchange Guidelines

At RSSKL our pupils are taught two foreign languages, German and French, from Class One until GCSE, and beyond.

During Class Nine, our pupils are able to go on a language exchange to a French or German speaking country. Although enquiries from pupils abroad are forwarded to the parents of the relevant class, this is a private arrangement between the two families and the school does not accept any responsibility. Exchanges can take place simultaneously or one after the other, e.g. our pupil may go to a French or German school for half a term or a whole term during Class Nine (any time after the Class Nine trip to Embercombe in the autumn term), and the foreign student may return at a later date. It is important that the duration of the exchange is the same so as not to incur any additional school fees at either end.

While we encourage pupils to undertake this experience on their own it does sometimes happen that more than one of our pupils attends the same school in the foreign country. Equally, we sometimes host pupils from the same school.

Foreign visitors are asked to fill in an application form and a health questionnaire, and their parents are asked to sign a letter confirming that the arrangement with the host family here is a private one. There is no exchange of money, as students usually only need some pocket money for their visit. The school enters any foreign pupils into our SIMS database, and they are given a written report when they depart.

This system has proved to be very successful over many years and pupils usually benefit greatly from the immersion in the foreign language.

The Language Teachers at RSSKL
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