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Dear Parent/Guardian

RE: ERASMUS+ PROJECT

As you may know, Fulston Manor School continues to participate in Erasmus+ projects funded by the European Parliament. Our involvement with the programme has enabled students at the school to enjoy all-expenses paid travel to 9 different countries across Europe, experiences which have undoubtedly enriched their lives and broadened their horizons.

As a school we are asking if there are any families who would be willing to host one of our visiting students in late February.

Currently, Fulston Manor works alongside schools in Germany, Romania and Greece in a 3 year project entitled *Bioplastics: The Future of Food Packaging?* Students have designed, created and marketed biodegradable alternatives to food packaging from scratch, collaborating in mixed international groups to raise awareness of- and find solutions to- the plastics crisis facing our world. During each visit to a partner country, families from the community host our students for a week, providing food, lodging and recreational opportunities. I know I speak for all of those students who have enjoyed this privilege when I say the hospitality they have encountered has been impeccable.

In late February it is our turn. Between Monday, 25th February and Friday, 1st March, 19 students from the partner schools will arrive in Sittingbourne for the final leg of the project and will require accommodation as they finalise 3 years' work.

Following the extraordinary generosity our students have encountered on their travels, it would be wonderful if our community could respond in kind. Whatever our views regarding the UK's political relationship with Europe, I would like to think, as a community, we still encourage young people to live imaginatively and learn through travel and that when our European partners come to our shores they are offered the welcome we ourselves would be grateful to receive.

If you are able to offer accommodation to one of our guests- or you know someone that can- and you would like to find out more, please feel free to contact me via the email address listed below. Alternatively, if you have a child enrolled at Fulston Manor School, they can visit me in Room N10 for further details.

Yours faithfully

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