



ITALIAN EXCHANGE 2020

TRAVEL UPDATE – 24.02.20

Dear Parents,

As you may be aware, the Department of Foreign Affairs has updated [their travel advice](#) in relation to those areas in Italy affected by the Covid-19 virus (Coronavirus) to the effect that Irish citizens are currently advised not to travel to the affected regions.

The Italian Exchange is based in one of the affected regions, Emilia-Romagna.

We are currently monitoring the situation closely alongside our partner school in Parma and our tour company, GTI.

We have not yet made the decision to cancel the exchange, but we urge you to discuss this with your son/daughter as there is a significant likelihood that the exchange will need to be cancelled.

We are liaising with GTI in relation to ensuring the minimum possible loss of money already paid by you for the tour in the event that it needs to be cancelled.

Any changes or updates will be communicated directly to you.

Thank You.

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