

Parental feedback from The Finland exchange

My son loved every minute, albeit a little homesick he thoroughly enjoyed his experience and love Finland.

I would most definitely recommend to other parents to allow their children to go on an exchange programme. It's a great experience for the children, they learn so much about other countries customs, their food and different lifestyles.

My son made a great friend in his exchange partner, he absolutely loved Finland and has expressed an interest in going again with us as a family. Finland was not a place we had considered going until he came home and said how beautiful it was. He completely embraced the whole experience, trying different foods and experiencing the sauna, snow, ice skating.

It was nice to be involved and informed so much by the school before my child went on the exchange...

The parent's meetings before the trip were very open and there were no 'silly questions.' We were encouraged that it was asked someone else had been thinking it! Loved the group that was set up on WhatsApp also.

Everything was done in time, no rushing and very well informed.

The photos and having contact with the family made me feel much more comfortable. The family also emailed every night to keep us updated.

The WhatsApp group made the whole experience much more enjoyable as a parent. Loved the photos. It was nice to see her happy and what she was up to. Was also nice for parents to be in touch and support each other in those scary moments when your child was upset and wanting to come home.

This was an experience that as parents we can not offer. Much more than going on holiday.

By being on this trip my daughter has learnt independence, self belief, life skills, responsibility and so much more.

Her confidence has soared, she got home sick half way through but got up and got on with it and she was so proud of herself as was I.

My daughter can't wait for her turn when the Finnish and Spanish stay with us and has already started planning!

I believe my son has a greater appreciation of different cultures and customs as a result of being on the exchange trip...

Very well put together trip, one of the best experiences I have had. The school and the children should be very proud.

My son loved every minute, he was excited and felt privileged to have been picked to go to Finland. I would like to express my thanks to all that organised the trip and the teachers that chaperoned. He has taken away many fabulous memories and gained a good friend. Thank you.