



5th June 2024

Dear Parent/ Guardian,

As you may be aware, Loreto Grammar School Omagh hosted a Spanish student, in conjunction with Loreto Bilbao Spain, for 12 weeks from September to December 2024. This was a rewarding experience for all involved, in terms of learning about other cultures; languages and traditions and developing mutual understanding, awareness and appreciation of both diversity and inclusion.

We are currently looking for 3 families who would each consider hosting a Spanish student for the coming academic year 2024 – 2025.

**Dates: 12-week host stay:**

- Saturday 7th September to Sunday 1st December 2024 (1 Student for Year **10**).
- Saturday 7th September to Sunday 1st December 2024 (1 Student for Year **10**).
- Saturday 7th September to Sunday 1st December 2024 (1 Student for Year **11**).

The Spanish student will live with the Irish Host Family for the duration of their stay and will also attend school in Loreto Omagh during this time.

The Host Family will receive a hosting fee of approximately €2,220 for hosting a Spanish student for 12 weeks, payable in instalments during the 12 week stay.

All flights and transport, to and from Omagh, are arranged by the Loreto Bilbao Spanish Coordinator. The Loreto Omagh school uniform and all relevant books and materials are provided by the school.

Each member of the Irish Host Family who will be 16 years of age, and over, during the stay of the Spanish student would be subject to an Enhanced Disclosure Check by Access NI in terms of Safeguarding. These forms will be provided at a later stage for you to complete. If you are interested in hosting a Loreto Spanish student, please fill in the enclosed reply slip. Please return it to me by Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2024. In turn, we will send you an application form and Vetting information for completion.

This is as much a cultural experience as an educational experience for everyone involved and may provide you and your family with an opportunity of a Spanish exchange.

Yours faithfully,

**Mrs. M. Gavin**

Vice-Principal for Curriculum, Learning & Teaching

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**Host Family – Loreto Spanish Students 2024 – 2025**

**Host Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Class Group 2024 – 2025:** \_\_\_\_\_

We, the \_\_\_\_\_ family are interested in hosting a Loreto Spanish Student.

**Current/ Former Students from our family in Loreto (Name & Year Group as at Sept 2024):**

**For Vetting:**

How many members of your family will be over 16 at the time of the host stay? \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_