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Mrs Claire McGonigal, Head Teacher

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Snowsports Trip - France

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Thank you for your patience regarding information about the Snowsports trip. As you know, we have been liaising with Skibound (the travel company) regarding the trip in January. We have now made the decision to change the dates of the ski trip, given the ongoing uncertainties regarding travel and school trips in the winter period. Skibound have agreed to transfer the payments that we have made so far to the new trip.

The trip has been moved forward by one year. This means that the new dates for the trip will be **Sat January 7th - Sat January 14th 2023.**

Once again, there are two advantages to this change of date. The first being that we would hope that travel restrictions due to Covid 19 will have had time to settle into a new normal, and secondly, this gives parents much longer to make the payments for the trip.

The new booking is for the same resort and hotel in Serre Chevalier, France.

As previously arranged, this will be a joint trip with Kingussie High School and the trip includes six days of downhill skiing/boarding, four hours of instruction from ESF instructors each day; lift pass and hire of equipment (£50 supplement for Board hire); full board; all flights and transfers from the Airport (tbc); après ski activities, for example ice skating, quiz nights, disco and ceilidh.

Unfortunately, due to price increases around travel, we have had to agree to an increase in the price of the trip for 2023. There will be an additional cost of £100 per pupil for the trip. The new total price for the trip will therefore be £1100.

(There is an additional cost of approx. £13 Air Passenger Duty **for pupils over 16 years**, and an additional adult lift pass supplement of approx. £140 **for pupils over 18 years**)

Most parents have already made a number of payments towards this trip. For each pupil, we will calculate the remaining balance for the trip, and liaise with yourselves as to how you wish to pay the remainder.

We hope that most pupils will be able to join us on the trip in 2023. However, we are aware that many families have had changes to their financial circumstances, and this might mean that your child may not be able to attend this trip. We aim to be as flexible as possible in the arrangements for collecting payments for this trip to suit each family's situation. If any pupils no longer wish to be part of this trip, or are unable to attend, we will aim to refund parents if and when we have been able to fill their space. We will be asking all school pupils, including the new S1 if they would like to join the trip.

Please can I ask all parents to complete the slip on the second sheet of this letter and return to Mrs Knight as soon as possible to let us know your decision regarding the trip.

Thank you for your patience and understanding with the arrangements for the ski trip.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Knight and Mrs Crane

RETURN SLIP REGARDING SNOWSPORTS TRIP 2023

Please complete and tick the appropriate box to indicate your decision regarding the Snowsports Trip

Pupil's name; _____

Tutor Group; _____

Decision	Tick
I would like my child to be transferred onto the 2023 Snowsports Trip	
My child does not wish to/is not able to attend the 2023 Snowsports Trip (the school will contact you regarding your payments so far)	

Any comments/queries; _____

Signed; _____

Date; _____

Thank you for your time, we will be in touch regarding your decision and payments.