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Dear Parent/Carer

## **Ski Trip 2021**

Thank you for your patience in waiting for an update on the Ski Trip 2021. As I am sure you will appreciate, we have been waiting a long time for any updates from the tour operator, who are seeking advice from the Government. The reason for the lack of communication up to now is that we haven't had answers to the questions we have asked and therefore there has been little or no information for us to pass on to students, parents and carers.

There is still no definitive answer as to whether the trip can, and will go ahead. The tour operator continues to work under the presumption that our trip will go ahead as normal. Due to ongoing uncertainty **we have made the decision to cancel the Ski Trip (February Half Term 2021)**. This has been a difficult decision to make and one we really hoped we wouldn't have to.

At present, if the trip is cancelled now, we will lose the non-refundable deposit paid. However, by delaying any decision, we risk losing more. **The school will cover the lost deposit and will refund parents in full for the amounts already paid.** This will happen in due course.

Our thoughts will now turn to organising the next trip when we are in a position to do this safely. We would like to offer all of the students who registered on the 2021 trip the first refusal of a place on the next trip. If that place is declined, it will then be offered out to other students.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Heward', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

**Mr J Heward**  
Assitant Headteacher