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## Ski Trip Update – October 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

We hope that this letter finds you well. If you are a recipient of this letter, it means that your child is booked on to one of the following trips with our trust schools.

SCHOOL	LOCATION	DATE	PARTY LEADER
<b>Malet Lambert – Years 8 - 11</b>	Austria	<i>February Half Term</i>	Mr A Dick
<b>South Hunsley – Year 10</b>	Austria	<i>February Half Term</i>	Mrs J Sprakes
<b>South Hunsley – Year 8</b>	Austria	<i>February Half Term</i>	Mr L Duerden

We are very much hoping that the trips will go ahead this year, but we have a responsibility to make sure that they are as safe as possible. In the current climate, there are certainly going to be some extra complexities than in previous years.

It is really useful that we are all going to the same country; we are also using the same tour company. We have already started working together to ensure that we are interpreting national guidance in the same way and questioning the travel company appropriately.

We do not yet have the answers to all of our questions and things are changing all of the time.

We spoke to the Austrian embassy and the Austrian national travel advice line earlier today. By way of an update:

- Travel to Austria from the United Kingdom is allowed
- Anyone entering Austria at the moment needs to show one of the following three documents
  - A Negative PCR Covid-19 test no older than 72 hours
  - A Vaccine Certificate \*\*
  - Proof of Past Infection

\*\* - *With UK secondary school pupils only currently being offered one vaccination dose, it remains to be seen whether or not the Austrian government will allow this to be valid. Nobody yet knows this apparently we were told this morning.*



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Additionally, we are awaiting confirmed information on whether or not pupils will need to be tested whilst in resort. This seems likely, if unvaccinated. We were told this morning that this will be offered for free in resort until the end of March, but we need to verify this.

This letter is simply to tell you that we are working hard to do everything we can to allow our trips to go ahead. We have not got the answers to every question, but we will have more details in the coming weeks. Being transparent throughout the process is crucial moving forward.

We are hoping to meet with the ski company Operations Manager in the coming days. We will be risk assessing every element of our trips, as we normally would. This will be in conjunction with Hull and East Riding local authorities.

We will write to you in November, hopefully, with further clarity on exactly what we will need to do to travel. As an absolute last resort we may look to move to ski in a different country with less complex entry requirements, but obviously this will be subject to availability.

We have had a few queries about buying clothing. At this time, until we are able to confirm final details, we would advise parents and carers to hold off on buying ski wear. There will still be plenty of time to buy things in December and January and we can advise you on some retailers with some good offers.

Thank you for your patience, it is greatly appreciated. We will update you again in due course.

Yours faithfully



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