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The Education Alliance, Ski Trip Update – November 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

As promised in our update letter in October, we are writing to you with our final decision regarding the Education Alliance Ski Trips which were due to depart at February half term.

We have had numerous virtual meetings with the Operations Manager at the ski company and also a meeting with our trust Executive Board. We regret to inform you that our collective decision is that once again, we feel the need to postpone our trips until 2023. Despite all parties hoping to go ahead, we feel that the risk posed by COVID-19 logistics, not just on health but on potential impingement on trip enjoyment is still outweighing the positives.

We have discussed each element of the trip in detail. We posed many 'What if?' type scenarios to each other and despite trying hard with the ski company, hotel providers and the Austrian Embassy, some of those answers are sketchy. To run a complex trip abroad, we need to be able to be 100% confident that we can keep your child safe and have clear contingency plans for unexpected eventualities. Despite our best efforts, we did not reach this threshold. We are disappointed and understand that you and your child will also be disappointed. We have already put plans into action for 2023. Below is a breakdown of each trip moving forward. There is a possibility of a small increase in price, which is very normal year on year for school ski trips. We will write to you again if this is the case.

- Every child on all trips in Years 7-10 will automatically be transferred on to the 2023 trip unless we hear from you otherwise. Monies paid will also be transferred automatically
- Malet Lambert Year 11 only families will be fully refunded and the school will be in touch for your bank details, as you will unfortunately not be able to join us in 2023. Years 7-10 will be transferred on to the 2023 trip
- Please note that Mr Duerden (South Hunsley) has had to change his Year 8 which will become Year 9 trip from February Half Term to Easter 2023.

SCHOOL	LOCATION	NEW DEPARTURE DATE	PARTY LEADER
Malet Lambert All year groups	Austria, Montafon	February Half Term 2023 Friday 10 th February 2023	Mr Alex Dick alex.dick@maletlambert.hull.sch.uk
South Hunsley Year 10 who will become Year 11	Austria, Montafon	February Half Term 2023 Friday 10 th February 2023	Mrs Joanna Sprakes jo.sprakes@southhunsley.org.uk
South Hunsley Year 8 who will become Year 9	Austria, Kitzbühel	Easter 2023 Saturday 2 nd April 2023	Mr Luke Duerden luke.duerden@southhunsley.org.uk



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If you have any further questions about your child's trip, then please do not hesitate to contact the party leader on the individual e-mail address stated in the above table.

Once again, we know that this news will be disappointing but safeguarding measures and ensuring that your child has the best experience possible, on what is an expensive trip, has to be our priority.

Yours faithfully



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Party Leader
Malet Lambert



Mrs J Sprakes
Party Leader
South Hunsley



Mr L Duerden
Party Leader
South Hunsley



Mr P Sprakes
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Malet Lambert



Mr R Williman
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