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## Dear Parents/Carers

Due to the ongoing uncertainty created by the coronavirus epidemic, it is with regret that we inform you that the 2021 Ski trip to Austria is cancelled. There are two reasons that influenced our decision which are explained below.

- 1. The school ski trip is an enriching experience and a brilliant opportunity to learn a new skill. We therefore wish for as many students to attend it as possible. Financially we understand the cost of the trip makes that difficult, especially in our current climate. With a proportion of the UK population experiencing some form of financial loss due to the COVID-19 outbreak, we want to prevent as few families as possible from losing out on a place on the trip.
- 2. The current COVID-19 crisis has also caused a large amount of uncertainty regarding future travel. The journey taken by coach usually crosses at least three borders on the way to Austria, which could cause potential issues to safety as well as potential travel restrictions. The students' safety and well-being must take priority over all decisions we make. The foreign office is also currently advising against non-essential travel.

It is our intention to run a ski trip in 2022, when hopefully we are in a better position to do so. We understand this is going to be disappointing news to those that had expressed an interest but we encourage those people to put their names forward for the 2022 trip if/when the opportunity arises.

Yours sincerely

Mr J Winter **Ski Trip Leader** 

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