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Dear Parent

As we begin the new term, I felt it beneficial to contact you with regards to an update on the Ski Trip 2022. I will summarise the main areas below in terms of changes and updated information that will be of interest to you.

Change of Trip Leader

Due to a change in circumstances, Miss Martin will no longer be running the ski trip. As a result of this I will now be the trip leader for the upcoming ski trip to Italy in April 2022. I will be joined by Miss Colwell, Miss Billingham, Miss Rushin, Mr Gwynn and Mr Bowles.

Change of Venue

We had a very informative meeting with our trip provider recently who let us know that due to the changeable snow conditions at that time of the year in Folgarida and the fact that they are closing the lifts early this year, they are moving us to a new resort called Passo Tonale. This is actually excellent news as we have been here before in 2017 and as well as being a fantastic place to ski, we will have sole occupancy of the hotel. Please see the link below for some general information on the resort (this is not our trip provider).

<https://selectschoolskiing.com/pass-tonale>

Update on Italian COVID-19 and Travel Guidance

We have been notified from the Italian government review on the 15th December 2021 that under 18s who **are** fully vaccinated (2 doses) can enter Italy but those who are not, can only do so when accompanied by a parent. As it stands, loco parentis is not covered under the current guidelines. We would therefore advise that all trip participants are fully vaccinated in order to guarantee eligibility to travel. We have also been informed that they will need a “super green pass” to access all facilities when out there. This pass is obtained if the person is double vaccinated. Please see the link below for the government advice on travel into Italy.

<https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/italy/entry-requirements>

If your child has not been fully vaccinated, can you please contact us as soon as possible on the contact details below, as it will be an issue for them to take part in the trip.

Parent and Student Meeting

As we always do with our ski trips, we invite you to an evening to discuss the trip as a whole. This will include a presentation from our tour operator, myself as trip leader and some

information on ski clothing from our partners at Pipe Dreams.

<https://pipedreams-online.co.uk/>

We are scheduling this in early February to ensure we have a full picture of updated guidance across Europe. More information will be sent out regarding the meeting in the next fortnight.

If you do have any further questions then please contact one of the ski team (contact details below) and we will be happy to discuss them with you.

Yours sincerely

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