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Dear Parent/Guardian,

It seems a long time since I last wrote to you, so I thought I would start by thanking you for your punctual payments. Payments are on track for the trip and all that remains is to eagerly await Easter! Having been on an inspection visit to La Plagne during Easter 2009, I can assure all that it is a terrific ski resort. Looking at my lists, there are some consent forms outstanding as well as passports to renew and European Health cards to order.

The main purpose of this letter is to invite you and your son to our ski presentation evening which you may have seen advertised in the school calendar on:

Thursday 10th December 2009 at 7.00pm in the Assembly Hall.

Refreshments of tea, coffee or juice will be provided and the evening will last approximately an hour. There will be a presentation on La Plagne and a display of ski equipment available for hire from Ski Warehouse. Some staff accompanying the trip will also be present to answer any questions you may have. ALL parents and boys should attend as part of our Risk Assessment statement – irrespective of whether your son participated in last year's trip.

The following points need to be emphasised at this stage to help the trip run smoothly:

- 1. All boys will need to have their own passport.** If your son hasn't got his own please apply for one immediately. Staff will collect these in prior to departure and they will be kept by staff until we return. If you do not have a British passport, please check whether you need a VISA!
- 2. A European Health Insurance Card (EHIC)** will be required for the trip. This came into effect from the 1st January 2006. Please ask for a form at a Post Office; phone 0845 606 2030 or apply on line. (www.dh.gov.uk.) The card will be delivered in 7-10 days. Before applying you will need your son's NHS or national insurance number.
- 3. It is advisable to take some pocket money.** I suggest the following split: £50/60 in Euros and £20 cash for stops at service areas and on the ferry. In the resort a member of staff will look after the bank where appropriate. Pocket money for **Junior boys'** use in Resort will be collected prior to departure with passports. Transport pocket money should be carried by the boys.
- 4. We are in the process of arranging 2 dry ski slope sessions at Rossendale after Christmas.** The confirmed dates for these are: **9th March and 16th of March 2010.** We advise/insist all beginners to attend, particularly if they haven't had dry slope experience. The cost will be kept to a minimum and will cover hire of the slope; skis, boots, travel and tuition from a B.A.S.I. qualified instructor. I will let you know the cost as soon as possible. Boys could go at other times to Ski Rossendale which is open to the public and is a good family day out! Kendal is closer but is only open to

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members on a Sunday for recreational skiing. Dry slope experience allows much faster progression on snow and enables all to maximise their trip.

5. Enclosed is a Clothing List which gives you a rough outline on what your son needs to take on the trip, and I hope this is of use to you. It might stimulate some ideas for those wishing to spend their Christmas money!

6. Below is an outline of last year's trip, which is our provisional itinerary for the 2010 trip.

Date: - Friday 26th March 2010:
Depart L.R.G.S. 1.00 pm. Ferry from Dover 10.30pm.

Saturday 27th March 2010:
Arrive in resort around 4pm.

Friday 2nd March 2010:
Depart resort after early evening meal (approx 7pm)

Saturday 3rd March 2010:
Morning ferry from Calais. Arrive L.R.G.S. late afternoon (approx 4pm)

7. If there are any outstanding paperwork, please ensure these are handed in soon.

If you have any further queries concerning the trip please email me.

Yours sincerely,

J Millatt & R Mellon

Please find attached: Kit list

Staffing Responsibilities:

Junior Trip:

Mr J Millatt	Ski Course Organiser / Party Leader / Alpine Ski Leader
Mr I Ralston	Alpine Ski Leader, Ski Group Coordinator
Mr P Sunderland	Alpine Ski Leader, Translator, Ski Group Coordinator
Mr D Leckey	Alpine Ski Leader, Translator
Ms L Ollerton	Alpine Ski Leader, First Aider, Banker

Senior Trip:

Mr R Mellon	Ski Course Organiser / Party Leader / Alpine Ski Leader
Mr M Buckland	Alpine Ski Leader
Mr D King	Alpine Ski Leader
Mr S Blackwell	Snowboard coordinator