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Dear Parents/Carers,

Based on your valuable feedback from our recent meeting, we have put together some clear financial guidelines to help ensure a smooth and enjoyable experience for everyone.

Spending Money Guidelines

This ski trip is fully inclusive, covering all meals and essential expenses. Therefore, your child will not need to bring a large amount of spending money. However, if you wish, you may provide a small sum for optional extras like hot chocolates, soft drinks, snacks, or souvenirs.

That said, pupils will require money for the return journey to purchase food at ferry terminals and service stations. **We recommend an amount of £15-£20 for this purpose.** Please place this money in an envelope labelled with your child's name and hand it to staff before departure. We will securely hold it and distribute it before the journey home. To minimise the risk of money being lost or overspent, we ask that **no pupil brings more than £85 in total** (including the £15-£20 for the return journey). This should be more than sufficient for any additional expenses.

Payment Methods

We have confirmed that the hotel at our resort accepts card payments, and participants can access the games room (e.g. pool tables) free of charge. Debit cards are convenient but may incur foreign transaction fees, so please check with your bank in advance. Prepaid cards are a great option for those under 16, as they allow spending limits to be set and adjusted easily. These cards can be reloaded if necessary, giving you control over daily spending.

Departure Day Packed Lunch

To keep costs down, we recommend packing lunch for the departure day. Please ensure that all drinks are in plastic screw-top bottles (no cans or glass). Additionally, energy drinks or caffeinated beverages are **not suitable**, as we require all pupils to rest on the bus following the ferry crossing.

Ski Clothing Swap

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who has donated pre-loved ski clothing. If you are interested in borrowing any of these items for the upcoming ski trip, please reach out to Mr. D. Jack. This service is provided free of charge, and all we ask is that the clothing is returned to the school after the trip so it can be used by other pupils on future excursions. More clothing will be added as we continue to gather donations, so please check the webpage regularly.

All clothing can be viewed here: <https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/gc/skipss/clothing-swap/>

Options for Purchasing or Renting Ski Clothing

If you prefer to purchase second-hand ski clothing, we recommend exploring the following websites:

Whoski.com: Specialising in pre-loved ski wear at competitive prices.

Vinted.com: A popular platform where you can find a wide selection of second-hand items at reduced prices.

Lidl have also launched their ski range this week, so we would advise a visit for cheap items like base layers, socks, gloves and goggles.

Additionally, we have been made aware of several online clothing rental services that may be suitable for families who wish to rent ski gear. Although we do not specifically endorse any one provider, these services could be an excellent cost-effective option. The process is simple: the clothing is delivered to your home, used for the duration of the trip, and then returned via a pre-arranged courier service. This can be a great way to access high-quality ski wear without the expense of buying it outright.

Best regards,

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