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Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are now getting closer to our Italy Ski Trip (100 days away!), so I wanted to provide an update on payments, travel information, ski lessons and clothing.

Payment

Thank you for keeping up with the payments for the Italy Ski Trip. Payments have gone very smoothly, with very few missed payments. At this stage, all families should have paid a total of **£1,040**. There is now just **one remaining payment of £160, which is due by 25th September**. Thank you for your continued support with this.

Pupil Travel Information

It is now essential that we collect the required travel information for every pupil attending the trip. This includes information contained within your child's passport. We will be using an online service provided by our tour company, Halsbury, to collect this information.

Parents and guardians are asked to complete the form accurately and upload a clear photograph of the pupil's passport.



Scan for Passport Form

Please access the form here:

<https://tinyurl.com/KPSSTripInfo>

Please ensure that all information is entered accurately, as this will be used to support the arrangements for the trip. If you have any difficulties completing the form or providing the required information, please contact Mr Jack.

Departure Meeting for Families & Pupils

I would like to formally invite all families and pupils to our departure meeting on **Wednesday the 11th November at 6pm in the school assembly hall**.

The meeting will provide an opportunity to go through the key expectations and arrangements for the trip, including travel and departure information, what pupils should bring, rooming's, and important safety guidance. We will also use this time to finalise any outstanding paperwork and answer any questions families may have.

Our aim is to ensure that all pupils and families feel fully prepared, informed and confident ahead of the trip.

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Ski Lessons

The next block of ski lessons for our beginners is currently being organised, with funding provided by Active Schools. This block will provide four lessons for 10 of our beginners and is being organised by Mr Ellicott. Unfortunately, this particular funded block is limited to 10 pupils, so we are not able to offer it to everyone at this stage. Following this block, we will continue to explore opportunities to secure additional funding and hope to provide further lessons for more pupils.

A number of parents have been in touch to ask whether families should arrange private ski lessons before the trip. There is no expectation that families arrange their own private lessons before travelling. Many of our pupils are complete beginners to skiing when they attend the trip. On the first day, all pupils are assessed according to their ability, and ski groups are then organised accordingly. This allows us to provide a safe and enjoyable experience while ensuring that pupils can progress at a pace that is appropriate for them. If a pupil has previous ski experience, they may be placed in a more advanced group following the assessment by the ski instructors.

Ski Clothing and Accessories

This is also the time of year when many families begin to think about purchasing the clothing and accessories their child will need for the trip. I have put together a detailed guide covering ski clothing and accessories on the school trip website:

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/gc/skiKPSS/abroad-trip/clothing/>

There is also an option to rent ski clothing through an external tour operator, Interski. If you are interested in this option, please let Mr Jack know and he can help to coordinate this with families.

In 2024, we reached out to our school community and managed to gather some ski clothing that our young people could use free of charge. We will be doing the same this year, and families will be informed of any clothing or accessories that become available for pupils to use free of charge.

All pupils will be provided with helmets, ski's, boots and poles while on the trip.

We appreciate that preparing for a ski trip can involve a lot of questions, so please don't hesitate to get in touch if there is anything you are unsure about. Thank you again for your continued support. We are looking forward to taking the pupils to Italy and giving them a fantastic experience on the slopes.

Kind regards,

Mr David Jack

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<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/gc/skipss/> - Ski Trip Website

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/gc/kingsparksecondary/> - School Website

