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Dear Parents/Carers

Skiing 2018 – Changes! Year 5 children next year– Our Current Year 4 children

After travelling with the year 6 children to Holland this year and flying for the first time I did notice the difference it made to the children. Mainly how less tired they were and how much more refreshed they were for the whole visit.

I know some parents were hoping that we could fly to Italy instead of traveling by coach. I can perfectly understand this. At the time we were told we would have to fly from Gatwick and the practicalities of this were too difficult.

We have been investigating if this is practically possible and I am delighted to say that we have found a flight from the North East for a very reasonable price, which makes it a very realistic and manageable possibility.

I realise some parents have already agreed to their child travelling by coach, but I think flying would make it a much better experience for the children.

We have managed to secure flights from Newcastle to Geneva in Switzerland. Then we would travel by coach from Geneva to our resort in Italy for an additional cost of £80!! I would have to say this is because of our negotiation skills and I want to grab this price before they realise how much discount they have given us and then they withdraw it. I think this is incredible and the difference on the experience for the children would be amazing. You may of course have put your name down for the coach travel and want a refund. Please just let us know if you want to cancel your place.

Likewise, if you were put off by the coach travel before, you may want your child to go now and if this is the case, please let us know as soon as possible. **A £60 deposit to be paid before we break up.**

I do realise that this is a lot of money for some parents and this concerns me. I do know for a skiing package and compared to other schools the price is far lower than what it should really be. I do not think the children will get the chance to go skiing for this price ever again in their lives. I think parents know we do all we can to make things affordable for them. **Parents will have to make a firm decision as we will have to pay for the flights shortly and once we collect that money from you it will be non-returnable.**





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The new details will be:

Departure Date: Sunday 11 th March	Newcastle to Geneva	07:10 - 10:20
Return Date: Saturday 17 th March	Geneva to Newcastle	16:10-17:25

What's included:

- Return flights and overseas transfers included 6 nights full board accommodation
- 5 day lift pass/lessons/ski hire
- Ice skating
- disco
- All meals
- 4 hours daily tuition
- Accommodation in Claviere in Italy

Package Price : £575

If you have already paid a deposit and don't want your child to travel anymore, as we are now flying, please just let us know as soon as possible and before the summer holiday.

Yours sincerely,

Mr M Ryan
Head Teacher

