



28 January 2019

Dear Parents or Carers

Ski Trip 2019

Further to our previous communication about the change of policy on mobile phones, we are offering some clarification on which electronic equipment is considered acceptable for the students to bring on this trip. Students will be allowed to bring electronic games, ipods and ipads. There is also a DVD player on the coach and therefore the school staff will bring suitable films with them for the journey.

We appreciate the short notice since the change of this policy and therefore if parents want to remove the SIM card from their children's phone and effectively turn the device into an ipod then this will be allowed for this trip only and no future trips. This should allow the students to access any music or games they have stored on the device and also to make use of the camera facility. Staff will check the SIM cards have been removed on arrival for the trip. The key element of this policy for which we are asking for your support is that all communication from parents to students and vice versa whilst on this trip is routed via school staff and using the designated school mobiles only. If devices are used for communication then they will be dealt with as per school policy and confiscated. For those with children who have previously attended the Ski Trip there has always been a ban on mobile phones on this particular trip as communicated each year in the Parents' Information Booklet.

The school will send a daily update to the school website and we have arranged that this will feature on the main home page so parents can be reassured as to the safety of their children and enjoy receiving news of their progress and experiences during the trip.

We hope this clarification is useful and we will be happy to take any further questions at the Parents' Meeting on Monday 4 February.

Many thanks.

Yours faithfully

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