

15 September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

**Re: Year 11 Ski Trip 2020**

I apologise for the delay in updating you regarding the situation with the Ski Trip. As you may know the Department for Education currently will not allow schools to run any residential or overseas trips for their students. Our hope had been that these restrictions might have eased by the time of the Ski Trip, but all the signs are that things are tightening up both here in the UK and in many European countries. In addition, the trip insurers will NOT give us an absolute undertaking to cover all of the payments for the trip if it is cancelled further down the line. Against this backdrop the travel operator is now asking for the balance of the payments to be made. With all this in mind we have reluctantly taken the decision to cancel the trip with immediate effect.

Please be assured that parents will be repaid all the monies that have been paid up to this point, with the school covering any shortfall. These funds will be credited back through ParentPay but if you have any questions or concerns you can speak with Mrs Moyle from our Finance Office ([moylel@uffculmeschool.net](mailto:moylel@uffculmeschool.net)) who will be pleased to help you. It may take us a short time to unwind things and process the payments but be assured that we will sort things as soon as we are able.

It just remains for me to say how genuinely sorry we are for the Year 11 students that will miss out on this wonderful opportunity. Over the past few years, the Ski Trip has become a rite of passage for so many students and we know how disappointed they will feel. We will however do all we can over the coming months to make sure that this year can still be as special as possible for each one of them.

Best wishes



**A R Blackburn (Mr)**  
**Headteacher**