



THE CORBET SCHOOL

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Dear parents / guardians

I have recently received a letter from Interski (the ski trip tour operator) containing the following details:

As you will be aware, the situation regarding the coronavirus has created many problems for tourism and the general outlook for the industry is very uncertain with a rapidly changing landscape. During this time, the general advice from government has been very limited and at times, confusing.

We have been carefully monitoring developments and trying to understand the impact they will have on our operation and how we can adapt to ensure the safety of our clients and staff, whilst also offering the high standard of service to which you will be accustomed. After having carefully considered the necessary steps we would need to take to achieve our aims, Department for Education and broader government advice, it has become apparent this will be exceptionally difficult. These difficulties are further compounded by a lack of time with the winter rapidly approaching.

Taking all of this into account, we have made the very difficult decision to reduce the length of the season and instead of starting in December 2020, we will commence our operations on the week commencing 6th February 2021. This decision will obviously affect your booking, which was due to depart prior to this date.

Robert McIntosh (Interski Managing Director)

As a result of our booking being prior to the start of the reduced ski season Interski will be running, they have offered us a full refund of all monies paid to date.

I appreciate that for the pupils this news will come as a huge disappointment; I know they will all have been looking forwards to their ski trip since Year 7. However, on balance and taking into account the financial and health risks associated with foreign travel at the moment, coupled with the uncertainty around changing restrictions imposed by the government, I feel the cancellation of the 2021 ski trip is a sensible outcome.

At this time, the school is waiting for a refund of the deposit paid to Interski. Once we have the full refund, the finance department at school will be able to arrange bank transfers to parent / guardian accounts. Please email finance@corbetschool.net at your earliest convenience stating your child's name, tutor group, and your bank details (account name, sort code & account number).

Should you have any questions regarding the details of this letter, please email admin@corbetschool.net and your query will be passed to me.

Yours sincerely

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