



3 November 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

I hope this letter finds you well. A gentle reminder that the **final balance** of £185 is due this week, week commencing 1 November 2021. Should you wish to discuss anything regarding payments, please contact Mr Chambers via email at [JosephChambers@heanorgatespencer.com](mailto:JosephChambers@heanorgatespencer.com)

Another timely reminder that we will be holding a **parents' information evening on Thursday 11 November 2021, 6pm-7pm** in the main school hall. At this event, I will hopefully be able to share more details of the itinerary and have some clarity around travel restrictions.

Thank you for the interest in the upcoming **Tamworth SnowDome trips**. All sessions were oversubscribed; therefore, we have endeavoured to be as fair as possible and ensure every student that wanted a trip is allocated one. The remaining trips have been shared evenly amongst other students. You will shortly receive a personal message indicating which trips your child has been allocated and the payment details associated with these trips.

Sessions will run from 7pm-9pm and the coach will depart from school at 5.15pm on each occasion. The ETA back at school will be 10.30pm. Whilst I appreciate that this is rather late, it is the only time that the SnowDome can accommodate us and it is essential that students attend school on time as usual the day after any trips.

On the day of trips your child may leave the school site and return ready for the departure, or they are welcome to use the school library between 3pm-5pm to study independently or wait quietly and read etc. Either way, students should be changed (school PE changing rooms are available) and waiting in the main school hall by no later than 5pm. Tamworth SnowDome is synthetic snow and so it can be quite cold. For those who have purchased their ski clothing, salopettes and a jacket can be worn, but for those who are yet to do so, sportswear (jogging bottoms, a hoodie or warm top) will suffice. Thick socks and gloves are essential. Students must wear a helmet at all times when on the surface and these are provided by the SnowDome and included in the price. Lockers are available at Tamworth for students to store valuables but these require a 20p coin. With timing being tight, students will not be permitted to access the external food outlets and therefore, should bring some food/snacks and drinks with them to consume before departure or on the coach. **Please be aware that we have students who may be participating in these trips who have a serious nut allergy. Please avoid giving your son/daughter bagged nuts or products with a nut content, as even the smell can cause these students anxiety.**

There are a limited number of 'recreational' ski places left on the final two trips (22 November and 1 December). If your child has lessons early on in the process and feels competent and comfortable to ski without an instructor by this stage, then please get in touch with Miss Oliver via email at [JessOliver@heanorgatespencer.com](mailto:JessOliver@heanorgatespencer.com) to book an additional slot. These spaces will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

I look forward to seeing you all next week at the information evening.

Yours sincerely

**Mr M Jones**  
Senior Vice Principal