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Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Calshot dry slope skiing session(s)

I am writing to provide information about the dry ski slope training sessions. *I must stress that if your child has been on a dry slope/ skied on snow before, they should not apply to come on this trip and you need not read any further.* From the data collection form that you filled in online, 37 students will be eligible to go; I have published this list on the ski 'Team'.

The sessions will take place on Friday 18th December. This is an INSET day, so students will come in just for the trip. We will be going in two waves using minibuses and my car (I have the requisite business insurance):

1. **Trip 1** - We are scheduled to ski 13:30 - 15:00, but given the distance, potential traffic and setting up the ski gear before we start, we will leave at 11:30 and return at approximately 16:30, depending on traffic.
2. **Trip 2** – The ski session is 15:15 – 16:45. This trip will leave at 13:15 and return at approximately 18:15.

I would urge students to have a good breakfast and lunch on the day and bring snacks/ water for the activity, as skiing is a strenuous activity.

Calshot Activities Centre is housed in a cavernous old aircraft hangar and as a result can be very cold. The Centre has strict rules about what must be worn to ski. Therefore, students need to bring the following:

- ✓ **Gloves** – not necessarily ski gloves, but the hands must be covered.
- ✓ **Warm clothes** – When skiing a t-shirt and sweatshirt should suffice (however, unless you have a long-sleeved t-shirt underneath you will not be able to take your sweatshirt off as your arms cannot be exposed due to the abrasive nature of the slope). **Jeans are not suitable** and I would advise wearing old tracksuit bottoms/ leggings
- ✓ **Socks** – skiers must wear long socks (finish just below the knee) as otherwise the ski boots will rub badly.

Not a great deal can be purchased at the centre, so some provisions will be necessary with plenty to drink as skiing can be tiring. I cannot stress highly enough the need to have all the clothing listed above due to the strict rules of Calshot. Failure to bring the appropriate gear will result in your son/ daughter not being allowed to ski. Another thing that will help me is for your child to know how much they **weigh in KG** and their **height in CM** as this will enable the instructors to set up their skis correctly.

Please do not estimate these and ensure that your child is able to tell me/ their instructor their details on the afternoon. You have already provided me with a medical form for the main trip, which I will use for this trip.

The cost of the activity is £30. As this trip is deemed to be an enhancement to the curriculum, the school normally is unable to offer financial assistance and therefore the full cost of the activity must be borne by yourselves. Payment must be made by the deadline date outlined to avoid jeopardising your child's place.

If there are significant changes to the cost of the trip, these may have to be passed on to the student. Be assured that we will try to keep such costs to a minimum. We would advise that students do not to take valuables out on school activities, however, should they be taken parents should ensure personal possessions are adequately insured.

Please fill in this electronic form (click link below – it will take less than two minutes) by Monday 19th October, so that I can work out who will go on each of the trips. Please pay the £30 by Tuesday 1st December to confirm your child's place on the trip.

[Calshot dry slope skiing sessions - 18/12/26 – Fill out form](#)

Please feel free to email me – m.bamford@oaklandscatholicschool.org – should you have any further questions. The students have a Ski Trip 2027 'Team' where all previous letters/ files can be found.

Once I have worked out who is going on each of the trips, I will contact you again to confirm the final arrangements.

Yours faithfully,



Mr M Bamford
Assistant Headteacher/ ski trip organiser