



Barr Beacon School
www.barrbeaconschool.co.uk

Our Ref: LD/cc/Ski trip update

14th January 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

Your child is currently a participant on the deferred Ski Trip 2023, or you have withdrawn your child and are currently awaiting refunds of payments you have made, not including the non-refundable deposit.

The decision to defer, as you will know from previous letters, was only taken to ensure value for money for your child and your family. As a school we know that £1530 is a large sum to invest in an educational visit and so we did not feel that current restrictions in New York State would allow your child to have full enjoyment of the trip. In addition to which were the added complications of a possible 14 day quarantine for contacts of any positive test results in USA, which could have meant many pupils having to quarantine for elongated periods in the USA and missing school time in addition to this.

You will also be aware that when a school puts on a trip, they pay a deposit to the travel company to secure the trip. The travel company do not have to return this to us if a family withdraws and this is why we include the phrasing **non-refundable**, to ensure that everyone is clear about this.

We are pleased to be able to tell you that the tour operator for the Ski Trip to New Hampshire has agreed to provide refunds on the deposits of pupils in **Year 10** who were due to go on the deferred Ski Trip in February 2023. This is in recognition of the fact that Year 10 pupils will be in Year 11 by the time of the trip, and having already had their learning disrupted by Covid-19, may benefit from not travelling in the year of their GCSE exams.

As a school, we have no wish to cause distress or withhold money from parents/carers and recognise that your investment in your child's extra-curricular activity will have been no small undertaking for you. Our position, as a public organisation however, funded by public money, is to ensure all trips and visits run without causing deficit to our school funds. We also recognise that the past 2 years have presented a very complicated picture for international travel. We have therefore taken the decision to go ahead with the trip with what we assume will be smaller numbers, taking only one coach instead of two. We are offering full refunds including deposits for those who wish to have them in **Year 8 and 9**.

I need you to communicate the following:

- 1) If you wish your child to attend the ski trip in February 2023, please email the school postbox on postbox@barrbeaconschool.co.uk to confirm this. Year 10 may still attend the deferred trip if they so wish.



Barr Beacon School
Old Hall Lane
Aldridge
Walsall
WS9 0RF
West Midlands



postbox@barrbeaconschool.co.uk

0121 366 6600

@barrbeaconsch





Barr Beacon School
www.barrbeaconschool.co.uk

- 2) If you do not want your child to participate in the February 2023 ski trip, please email the school postbox on postbox@barrbeaconschool.co.uk to confirm this. Please complete the attached BACS payment request form so we are then able to refund the full amount paid including the deposit. The form can be sent to the school postbox or handed to the school reception.
- 3) Please include your child's name and form in all correspondence.

I thank you for your continued support, in what has been a difficult time when arranging a school trip.

Yours sincerely

Ms L Draycott
Headteacher



Barr Beacon School
Old Hall Lane
Aldridge
Walsall
WS9 0RF
West Midlands



0121 366 6600



@barrbeaconsch



postbox@barrbeaconschool.co.uk



MATRIX ACADEMY TRUST

BACS PAYMENT REQUEST

Name of Site:	Barr Beacon School	Etone College	Bloxwich Primary
(Please circle)	Bloxwich Secondary	Dame Elizabeth Cadbury	
	Evolve Teaching School	Barr Beacon SCITT	Matrix Head Office

PAYEE:
BANK:
ACCOUNT NUMBER:
SORT CODE:

DETAILS OF PAYMENT (PLEASE COMPLETE IN FULL) AND PROVIDE NECESSARY EVIDENCE TO SUBSTANTIATE YOUR BACS PAYMENT REQUEST

DESCRIPTION	
DATE PAYMENT REQUIRED BY *	
AMOUNT	
PAYMENT REQUESTED BY	AUTHORISED - BUDGET HOLDER

FOR FINANCE DEPARTMENT USE ONLY

<i>COST CENTRE/LEDGER CODE</i>	<i>NET AMOUNT</i>	<i>VAT</i>	<i>DATE PROCESSED</i>
INFORMATION ATTACHED	CERTIFIED FOR PAYMENT		

** PAYMENT TERMS ARE 30 DAYS FROM THE DATE FINANCE DEPARTMENT RECEIVE THE REQUEST HOWEVER THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT WILL ENDEAVOUR TO TRY AND MAKE PAYMENT FOR THE REQUEST AS SOON AS POSSIBLE*