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Dear Head Teacher,

REQUEST FOR OCCASIONAL ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL TO PARTICIPATE IN THE NATIONAL MICROMAX UK KARTING CHAMPIONSHIP

The purpose of this letter is to let you know a little about the Micromax UK Karting Championships, which is a class for young children on the first rung of a motorsport career, aged from 7-13.

One of your pupils has attained a place in this championship and we are sure is very excited about taking part.

The media coverage for the championship includes filming of every heat and final during the season at every round, and an end of season book to review the season, both of which they feature in.

Participating in the series improves skills immensely, not just in driving but in tactics, preparation and life skills, including discipline. The championship will have more media coverage than any other karting series in 2021. Karting is of course the sport in which all F1 drivers start their racing careers as children.

Participation in motorsport as a driver has often proved to nurture a strong interest in engineering, management or media, with degrees in these subjects often the outcome.

The championship takes place over ten weekends of the year, several of which are in the school holidays. There is sometimes an optional practice day on the Friday of some of the weekends, but although optional many parents feel it disadvantages their child not to take part if they are unfamiliar with the track. In addition having the practice day usually means the driver does not have to visit the track a few weeks ahead for familiarisation, which could lead to extra expense and time off.

As the championship organisers, we are keen that schooling comes first and that any absence is properly authorised and agreed between school, parent and child. Based on the above benefits, we therefore request that you consider allowing additional time off for what is ultimately a national level sporting event, with an agreed plan for students to keep up with schooling and homework that may be missed as a consequence.

Yours faithfully,

Alan Taddei

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Championship Organiser.