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Dear Head

**REQUEST FOR OCCASIONAL ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL TO PARTICIPATE IN KARTING CHAMPIONSHIPS WITHIN THE SUPER ONE SERIES**

The purpose of this letter is to let you know a little bit about the Super One Series, which holds the longest running Kart Championships for juniors and seniors, and Britain’s most popular kart classes.

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

The Super One Series is the UK’s highest profile and most prestigious kart championship. The champions are revered and looked up to by other drivers, and the highest place finishers are able to use special number plates that are honoured throughout the UK. This picks them out as the best drivers in Britain. Many have gone on to be European and World Champions too. Just participating in the series improves their skills immensely, not just in driving but in tactics, preparation and life skills. The Series has proved to be one of the best motorsport training nurseries in the world, successful alumni include Formula 1 drivers Jenson Button, Lewis Hamilton and Paul Di Resta; multiple British Touring Car Champion Jason Plato, Formula 1 commentator and former F1 driver David Coulthard; and team principals like Red Bull Racing’s Christian Horner. We believe that having a strong interest in a sport can do nothing but good for a child’s development, especially at this high national level. Participation in our series has often proved to nurture a strong interest in engineering, management or media: good degrees the outcome.

The championship takes place over six weekends of the year, some of which might be in the school holidays. There is an optional practice day on the Friday before each round of the Series, 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. The series organisers are adamant that schooling comes first and that any absence is properly authorised and agreed between school, parent and child. We require that the school head teacher supplies a letter on their headed notepaper to show they have the formal agreement of the school for participation in our national championships and to have agreed a plan on keeping up with the schooling and homework. The child cannot take part without this letter, so we ask if you would be so kind as to agree a plan and write to us via the parent/guardian with written permission for participation in the Super One Series, and specifically for the following dates:

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Yours faithfully

Sonja Game, Championship Co-ordinator