

Year 9 Ski Trip December 2019



Dear Parents/carers,

We are delighted to announce that we are again planning a ski trip for December 2019. The proposed trip is targeting pupils in Year 8, departing next December while in Year 9. The ski resort that we are planning to visit is called Les Deux Alpes in the French Alps. Renowned for its excellent snow record and doorstep skiing, Les Deux Alpes enjoys over 300 days of sunshine per year and is a great location for school groups.

We would depart from Church Stretton School on **Friday 13th December** and travel by coach down to our resort in France (Approx. 23 hour journey). After skiing for 5 days we would then leave the resort on Thursday 19th December arriving back at school in the evening of **Friday 20th December (last day of term)**. The cost of the trip would be **£869**.

Included in the price:

- Coach transportation and ferry crossings to and from France
- Skis, ski boots and helmet hire
- Lift passes
- 4 hours daily ski instruction from qualified local instructors (For more able skiers there is the possibility of longer lessons).
- Accommodation
- Fully comprehensive travel insurance including medical, redundancy cover, travel delay, personal liability and 24 hour emergency service.
- All meals (Apart from those while travelling to and from resort)
- Evening activities (possibility of ice skating, swimming, discos and movie nights)

We intend to have a payment plan which is listed below. However, payments could be made early using the new online pay facility we have in school.

Deposit by Thursday 25th October: £75 (Deposit)

1st Payment by Friday 7th Dec: £160

2nd Payment by Friday 15th Feb: £160

3rd Payment by Friday 24th May: £160

4th Payment by Friday 20th September: £160

Final Payment by October HT 2019: £154

The price is based on attracting viable working numbers. The trip cannot accommodate more than 40 students and in the event of the trip being oversubscribed places will be allocated in a fair and unbiased way. We will operate a reserves list for those that are not allocated an initial place. The trip becomes unviable if we cannot secure 32 places.

At this stage we are asking for a deposit to show a commitment to the trip. After this all those who have paid a deposit will be invited to an information session whereby a decision can be made as to whether you wish to remain on the trip. Deposits will be refundable at this stage until your child's place is confirmed. If you are interested in attending this trip and want to find out more then please pay your deposit via Parentpay by Thursday 25th October.

It is a tremendous responsibility for staff to take a group of young people on educational visits, particularly when these are abroad. It is vital that those pupils who are considered for inclusion on such a visit must be those who have exhibited maturity and self-discipline in school. The school, therefore, reserves the right to refuse to take any pupil who has shown irresponsibility or consistent lack of self-discipline within school.

This is a fantastic opportunity for pupils, however I am aware of the costs involved and the financial pressures in the current climate. I would hate for pupils to miss out due to the price of the trip and those that are concerned are encouraged to contact me at school to discuss the trip in further detail.

Yours sincerely,

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