



South Shropshire Academy Trust

Church Stretton School
Shrewsbury Road, Church Stretton,
Shropshire, SY6 6EX

Telephone: 01694 722209

Fax: 01694 722417

Email: office@csschool.co.uk

www.churchstretton.shropshire.sch.uk

Principal: Mr S Lunt, MA. (Education) BA. Hons.



Specialist Schools
and Academies Trust
EXCELLENCE AND DIVERSITY



NPQH Leadership
Development School

National College
for Leadership of Schools
and Children's Services

Year 9 Ski Trip December 2017



Dear Parents/Carers,

We are delighted to announce that we are again planning a Ski Trip for December 2017. 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 Risoul in the French Alps. Renowned for its excellent snow record and doorstep skiing, Risoul 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 15th December** and travel by coach down to our resort in France (Approx 23 Hr Journey). After skiing for 5 days we would then leave the resort on Thursday 21st December arriving back at school in the evening of **Friday 22nd December**. The cost of the trip would be **£814**.

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
- 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

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 Friday 9th October: £75 (Deposit)

1st Payment by Friday 2nd Dec: £150

2nd Payment by Friday 10th Feb: £150

3rd Payment by Friday 19th May: £150

4th Payment by Friday 13th September: £150

Final Payment by October HT 2015: £139

The proposed trip would be run through Equity Ski (formally known as Skiplan) who have years of experience at delivering fun, safe and successful School trips. I will be the party leader and have worked with Skiplan on previous trips, they are always very good!

The price is based on attracting viable working numbers. The trip cannot accommodate more than 44 pupils 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. **At this stage we are only asking for expressions of interest so that we can evaluate numbers. After this all those that have expressed as interest will be invited to an information session whereby a decision can be made as to whether you wish to apply for a place. If you are interested in attending this trip and want to find out more then please return the attached slip to Mr Ward or the office by Friday 30th September. No places will be confirmed until a further letter is sent inviting you to a meeting.**

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.

It's worth noting that a sports tour to Gibraltar will also be launched shortly which departs in July 2017. Pupils should be aware of both trips as some discussion might be needed as to which trip, if any, pupils would prefer to go on.

For parents that have printer issues: Please just write a note to say you wish to attend an information evening.

Yours sincerely

T Ward

C Thomas

Mr T Ward

Mrs C Thomas

Head of PE

Educational Visits Coordinator

Please complete and return to school office by **Friday 30th September**: I would like my child

(full name please)

Tutor group..... to be considered for next year's Ski Trip, and would like a further letter inviting me to an information session.

Signed:..... (Parent/Carer)