

18th October 2019

Year 8 and 9 Ski Trip December 2020



Dear Parents/carers,

We are delighted to announce that we are again planning our fantastic Ski Trip for December 2020. The proposed trip is targeting pupils currently in Year 7 and 8, departing next December while in Year 8 and 9. The destination is yet to be decided as it will be dependent on the numbers of students who want to ski. We have decided to make this a bi annual trip in order to open it up to 2 year groups at a time.

We would depart from Church Stretton School on or around **Friday 11th December 2020** and travel to resort. After skiing for 5 or 6 days we would then leave the resort on or around **Friday 18th December** arriving back at school for the end of term. The cost of the trip is dependent on numbers but will be between **£860 - £900**

Included in the price:

- Coach transportation or flight to the resort (to be decided)
- Skis, ski boots and helmet hire
- Lift passes
- 4/5 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 including a hot lunch (Apart from those while travelling to and from resort)
- Evening activities (possibility of bum boarding, swimming, discos and movie nights)

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

- Deposit by Wednesday 13th November: £100 (Deposit)
- 1st Payment by Friday 13th December: £150
- 2nd Payment by Friday 14 Feb: £200
- 3rd Payment by Friday 17th April: £200
- 4th Payment by Friday 17th July: £150
- Final Payment by 18th September 2020: Balance

The price is based on attracting viable working numbers. At this time, I am collecting quotes from companies to accommodate 45 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 Mrs Davis (DT) or the office by Friday 25th October. 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.

For parents that have printer issues: Please just write a note to say you wish to express your interest in the trip.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs J E Davis
Design Technology/DofE

Mr M Longhurst
Educational Visits Coordinator

Please complete and return to school office by **Friday 25th October**:

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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)