

Dear Parent/Carer

23rd October 2019

Ski Trip to Austria– Easter 2021

Your son/daughter has expressed an interest in our school ski trip to the Zillertal region in Austria that will be running from Thursday 1st April 2021– Friday 9th April 2021 – Easter Holidays. Please note we depart on the last day of the Spring term and students will be departing before lunch time. Included in the price is a cooked meal at school to ensure that students have eaten plenty before their journey to Austria.

The huge Ziller valley is one of the best loved ski areas in Austria, comprising of a string of delightful Tyrolean villages. Each has its own ski area with access to an array of lifts. Further lifts linking ski areas have recently been added in Zell am Ziller, Kaltenbach and Mayrhofen, further improving this already fantastic ski resort. The Ziller valley has been popular with PGL Ski school parties for many years. Skiing for beginners and intermediates is prolific, and the variety of the Ziller Valley will also keep the experts very happy indeed.

After a very successful Ski trip last year, we have provisionally booked the next ski trip with PGL tours again, who are ABTA bonded, number V2683 and ATOL protected, number 4639. PGL is a market leading provider of activity courses and holidays – whether for schools, for whom they provide outdoor education, adventure courses, study trips and skiing trips; or for youth groups, family holidays and summer camps for unaccompanied children. The company was established in 1957 and is now part of Holidaybreak which has very recently been purchased by Cox and Kings. Their emphasis on adventure and challenge in a framework of safety has gained their reputation for excellence in this field. They have continued to build on their expertise - ensuring that the experiences they offer are safe, friendly, exciting, educational and fun! Please visit their website for more information: www.pgl.co.uk

PGL have supplied us with the following statement regarding Brexit:

We have no indication that Brexit will have any impact on the right of British citizens to travel to Europe after 31 October 2019. Britain currently lies outside of the Schengen Area and as a result passport controls are currently in place when travelling to and from the UK. Please be reassured that we monitor advice issued by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office relating to the impact of Brexit. At present we do not anticipate making any changes to our groups' travel plans and expect all tours to proceed as normal.

For further information, you may wish to visit the Foreign and Commonwealth Office website:

<https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice>

The students will get 4 hours of qualified skiing tuition on each of the six full days. As places are limited on this trip, if we are in a position where the trip is oversubscribed then names will be pulled out of a hat. In previous years this has been treated as first come first serves basis and some students have missed out due to sickness or late buses. Therefore, I believe that this is a fairer way to allocate places. Due to the physically demanding nature of skiing, all pupils will need to be reasonably fit and also must attend either lunch time sports practices and/or circuit training which will be organised by the PE department. Those students that fail to attend either of these sessions will be withdrawn from the trip and replaced by other students on the reserve list.

Please note that deposits are non-refundable unless the trip is cancelled by the school and as the departure date gets closer penalty clauses are incurred which you would be expected to meet. The school reserves the right to withdraw any student from the trip if their attitude and behaviour in school are poor or if staff have concerns that a student will not be able to meet the absolute requirements for perfect behaviour throughout the trip. If a replacement cannot be found for anyone removed for these reasons, all monies will be non-refundable.

The cost of the trip is £929.50. This includes pick up and return from Kingsmead School by coach, tunnel or ferry crossing, equipment and helmet hire, (students will not be allowed to ski if they do not wear at all times the helmet they are issued with) lift passes, insurance and accommodation with full board. Ski clothing hire is not included in the price. Students travel on their own passport and must have an EHIC card. Passports must have at least 6 months left on them from the return date of the trip. There will be a variety of evening entertainment, some of which students will need to pay for if they want to participate e.g. swimming at approximately €5 each.

If you would like your son/daughter to take part in this exciting opportunity, please return the enclosed consent form to the Finance Office by Friday 8th November 2019. We will then contact students with a confirmed place week commencing 11th November 2019 and you will then need to pay the first non-refundable deposit of **£100.00 by Friday 29th November 2019**, followed by a further non-refundable deposit of **£100 by Monday 20th January 2020**. On receipt of the second deposit payment, we will then issue you with a payment plan that will spread the cost over the coming months. The above payment structure for the initial deposits has been requested by PGL and must be adhered to.

This trip is suitable for total beginners but in order to balance groups we need an indication of students' level of ski experience. Please complete the number of weeks skiing that your son/daughter has carried out in the space provided on the reply slip.

Yours sincerely



John Norman

Party Leader

To: Kingsmead School Finance office by Friday 8th November 2019.

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I would like my son/daughterTutor group

to participate in the Ski Trip and I will pay via Parent Pay the non-refundable deposit of **£100.00 by Friday 29th November 2019** and agree to pay the second deposit of **£100 by Monday 20th January 2020**

Ski Experience in weeks

Full Name as on your passport

Nationality as on student's passport (eg GBR)

Signed Date

Parent/Carer