

10 October 2018

Dear Parent/Guardian

SKI TRIP 2019 – Zell Am See-Kitzsteinhorn Glacier

A Kings of Wessex ski trip has been provisionally booked for 2019 and will take place in the first week of the Easter holidays, departing on Saturday 6 April 2019 returning on Saturday 13 April 2019.

The trip has been booked with Ski Team 4 who also ran the Ski Trip to Austria last year. I was impressed with their high standards of safety, security and the general quality of staffing. The price is very competitive for 6 days of skiing and accommodation.

The week's skiing will be spent in, **Zell Am See-Kitzsteinhorn Glacier, Austria** which is in the Austrian Alps. It is beautiful and one of the most exclusive locations in the Austrian Alps. It has a range of pistes designed to suit both beginners and experienced skiers and has the added benefit of Glacier skiing at Kaprun a short distance away, which will ensure skiing late in the season.

Travel will be by air from Bristol or Heathrow (TBC) followed by a coach transfer to the resort. The total cost of the trip will be **£1130** (payable in instalments) which will include the following:-

- Return air flights and coach travel transfers
- 7 nights full board accommodation, including packed lunches
- Soft drinks with all meals
- 6 day lift pass
- 6 days of 4 hours fully qualified ski lessons
- 1hour (supervised) hot lunch provided per day
- 6 days hire of skis, boots, poles and helmet
- Evening entertainment programme
- Full insurance cover, including snow guarantee, piste closure and ski breakage

Not included:

- Meals on route
- Pocket money
- Ski clothing (details of discounted hiring and purchasing will be provided later)

All that is required initially is the deposit **of £250.00, which is non-refundable on gaining a place on the trip, paid online via ParentPay, by Wednesday 17 October 2018.** The remaining payments can be spread out between now and February 2019 when the final payment has to be paid to the company. If you are unable to pay online you can pay by cash at a store showing the Paypoint logo. You will need a Paypoint letter which is available from the school office. The letter has a barcode which is unique to this trip.

ParentPay is also used as acceptance of your parental consent and that you are satisfied with the arrangements outlined above. A full medical form will be required prior to departure and will be issued nearer the time. Should your child withdraw from the trip, we are only able to offer a refund if their place can be filled by another student.

This price is based on 30 or more students (maximum 50) attending the Ski Trip. **Please note that the trip may run if there are fewer than 30, but an additional cost may be added by the travel company.** We anticipate, however, that we will be able to attract more than 30, as this is always a very popular trip.

The payment schedule for the deposit and remaining money is as follows:

| Date Due by: | Amount | Total |
|-------------------------|--------|-------|
| 17 October 2018 Deposit | £250 | |
| 14 November 2018 | £300 | |
| 12 December 2018 | £300 | |
| 9 January 2019 | £280 | £1130 |

If preferred, the full and final payment can be made immediately. Whether you chose to use the payment plan or not, it is essential that the full amount be paid by **9 January 2019**. All above deadlines must also be met in order to secure a place on the trip.

As with all Academy trips, students will be expected to uphold the reputation of the Academy, therefore exceptional behaviour is expected at all times throughout the trip and in the lead up to the trip. All enrichment activities have a short meeting prior to the date of travel, the date and time of the meeting is circulated via tutors and Firefly. It is essential all students attend these. For residential trips we ask that parents/carers attend a short briefing prior to departure. If you have any queries about the trip please do not hesitate to contact the Academy on 01934 742608 or Mr C Bennett (CBennett@kovessex.xo.uk).

Yours sincerely,



Mr C Bennett
Subject Leader for Physical Education
Ski Trip Coordinator & Ski Party Leader