

3rd February 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

SKI TRIP 2023 – Passo Tonale, Italy

A Kings of Wessex ski trip has been provisionally booked for 50 students, and will take place in the first week of the Easter holidays **2023**, departing on Saturday 8th April 2023 returning on Saturday 15th April 2023.

The week's skiing will be spent in **Passo Tonale and the Presana Glacier, Italy**, which is one of the most snow sure resorts in Italy. It has a range of pistes designed to suit both beginners and the more experienced skiers and has the added benefit of Glacier skiing, which will ensure skiing late in the season.

Travel will be by air from Bristol, although this could change dependant on flight routes, followed by a coach transfer to the resort. Students will meet at Bristol airport before departure and students will need to be collected from Bristol airport upon their return.

The total cost of the trip will be **£1100** (payable in instalments) which will include the following:-

- Return air flights and coach travel transfers in Italy
- 7 nights full board accommodation, including packed lunches
- 6 day ski lift pass
- 6 days of 4 hours fully qualified ski lessons
- 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)
- Drop off and collection at Bristol Airport

A non-refundable deposit of **£120.00**, will be required, payable online via **ParentPay (available from 7.00am on Monday 7th February), no later than Friday 11th February**. The second instalment of **£200 will be due on 1st April**, with further instalments as shown on the reverse of this letter. If you are unable to pay online, you can pay by cash at any 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 50 or more students attending the Ski Trip. **Please note that the trip may run if there are fewer than 50, but an additional cost may be added by the travel company.** We anticipate, however, that this will be a popular trip.

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

Date Due by:	Amount	Total
11 th February 2022 1 st Deposit	£120	
1st April 2022 2 nd Deposit	£200	
1 st May 2022 3 rd Deposit	£130	
1 st July 2022	£250	
1 st October 2022	£250	
1 st December 2022	£150	
		£1100

If preferred, the full and final payment can be made immediately. Whether you choose to use the payment plan or not, **it is essential that the second payment is made by 1st April 2022 and the third by 1st May. The full amount must be paid by 3rd January 2023.** 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. **If the Academy feels that a students behaviour has not been appropriate now or at any time before the trip, then their place will be removed.** 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 T James (TJames@kovessex.co.uk).

Yours sincerely,



Mr T James
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Ski Trip Coordinator & Ski Party Leader