

11 May 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

**SKI TRIP 2024 – Nassfeld, Austria**

The Kings of Wessex Ski Trip has provisionally been booked for 2024 which will take place in the first week of the Easter holidays, departing on Saturday 30 March 2024 and returning on Saturday 6 April 2024.

The week's skiing will be spent in **Nassfeld, Austria**, which is one of the more snow sure resorts in Austria. It has a range of pistes designed to suit both beginners and the more experienced skiers and has the added benefit of being north facing, which will ensure skiing late in the season.

Travel will be by coach from school to the resort. The total cost of the trip will be **£1200** (payable in instalments) which will include the following:-

- Coach travel to and from the resort, including use of the coach in resort
- 7 nights full board accommodation, including packed lunches
- 6-day 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
- Spending money
- Ski clothing (a suggested kit list will be provided later)

**The trip will be available to book on ParentPay from 7am on Monday 15 May 2023.** A non-refundable deposit of **£150.00**, will be required, payable online via ParentPay. The second instalment of **£200 will be due on 14 July 2023**, 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 as well as informing us of any medical or dietary information. 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 may not be possible close to the departure date.

This price is based on 45 students attending the Ski Trip. **Please note that the trip may run if there are fewer than 45 students, but an additional cost may be added by the travel company.** We anticipate, however, that we will be able to attract 45 students, as this is always a very popular trip. **The payment deadline for the initial deposit is Friday 19 May 2023.** If the trip is oversubscribed, places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis to other students.

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

Date Due by:	Amount	Total
19 May 2023 - Deposit	£150	
14 July 2023	£200	
4 September 2023	£250	
2 October 2023	£200	
6 November 2023	£200	
4 December 2023	£200	
		£1200

If preferred, the full and final payment can be made immediately. Whether you choose to use the payment plan or not **the full amount must be paid by 3 January 2024.**

As with all Academy trips, students will be expected to uphold the reputation of the Academy and, 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, and 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](mailto:TJames@kovessex.co.uk)).

Yours sincerely



**Mr T James**  
**Ski Trip Coordinator & Ski Party Leader**