

11<sup>th</sup> November 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

**SCHOOL SKI TOUR SAALBACH, AUSTRIA  
EASTER (29<sup>th</sup> March – 6<sup>th</sup> April 2024)**

It is our intention to take a party from Darrick Wood School on a skiing holiday during the Easter Holidays in 2024. A provisional booking has been made with Club Europe for an eight-day tour of Austria. We will be skiing in the Saalbach/Hinterglem resort known for its wide range of ski slopes and access for all abilities.

One major advantage of skiing with Club Europe is that the children will be under the expert supervision of the local ski-school for four hours ski tuition or ski guide per day. A programme of evening activities could include bowling, swimming, cabaret and ski presentation all included in the price.

The total cost of £1074 includes:

- Return transport by luxury coach with video & toilet (Premiere Travel)
- Full board accommodation
- Six day ski course
- 2 x 4 hour ski lessons or ski guide per day
- Hire of skis, boots and helmets
- Evening entertainment
- Price guarantee
- Snow guarantee
- Fully comprehensive insurance
- International Emergency Service
- ABTA bonding No Y2009
- All administrative charges

**Reserving a place:**

If you are interested in your child attending this Ski Trip then you should carefully complete the e-form which will go live (to be sent via email) at 8:30am Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> November 2022. Places will be reserved on a **first come first served basis** via submission of the e-form. We have availability for 40 students and 10 reserves (reserves will only pay a deposit that will be returned should a place not become available).

Please note that Mr Simpson reserves the right to refuse any student onto this trip based on behaviour records via Bromcom. This will be considered on an individual basis.

Please also note that in the interest of fairness all students across the school were notified in advance via assemblies and tutor time that this letter would go live and be distributed on the evening of **Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> November** and that the e-form can be completed and submitted at **8:30am on Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> November**. Emails in place of the e-form will not be accepted. The e-form can be accessed at <https://forms.office.com/r/aqWVnZ0YZ4>

**Securing a place:**

If you are successful in reserving a place on this trip then you will receive a second letter with information on how to secure your child's place. In order to secure a place you will need to pay a 1<sup>st</sup> deposit via ParentPay. **\*Please note that if the initial deposit is not paid by November 30<sup>th</sup> 2022 then your place will be offered to a reserve\***. The letter will also have a payment plan which should then be followed via ParentPay in the lead up to the trip in 2024. An example of this payment plan can be seen below:

**Payment plan:**

### Important

A schedule of payment would have to conform to the following dates:

1. Initial non-returnable deposit of £150.00 by 30<sup>th</sup> November 2022\*
2. Second payment of £100.00 by 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022
3. Third payment of £100.00 by 28<sup>th</sup> February 2023
4. Fourth payment of £100.00 by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023
5. Fifth payment of £100.00 by 30<sup>th</sup> April 2023
6. Sixth payment of £100.00 by 31<sup>st</sup> May 2023
7. Seventh payment of £100.00 by 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023
8. Eighth payment of £100.00 by 31<sup>st</sup> July 2023
9. Ninth payment of £100.00 by 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023
10. Tenth payment of £124.00 by 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023  
(payments amount to £1074)

### **NB \* All returnable if pupils can be replaced.**

- A detailed prospectus will be available in October 2023 at the Ski Evening.

Parents are responsible for providing pupils with their own passport which must be valid for at least six months from the day of departure (please see any latest government advice and updates to this), and any necessary Visas, documentation and checks that the EU may require (EU nationals do not require a Visa at present). Pupils must also have a valid GHIC card that covers the duration of the trip. Please check government information regarding travel arrangements and requirements, as this may change or be updated over time.

### **PLEASE NOTE CAREFULLY**

1. \*The three initial deposits of £150.00, £100.00 and £100.00 are **NON-RETURNABLE DEPOSITS**. Payment signifies commitment by the payer to membership of the party. It is used to secure firm bookings with the Company whose services are engaged for the trip. Please note you are entering into a contract with the travel company, not the school. The payment schedule must be adhered to. For security reasons, **NO CASH** is to be brought to school by pupils.
2. If a pupil is withdrawn at their parents' request, this deposit will not be returned except in the case of serious illness, when a doctor's certificate will be required.
3. If replacements can be found for the trip then deposits will be returned. However, the later the withdrawal from the trip the more unlikely this will be.
4. In the event of a matter arising such as to put in question the suitability of a pupil for membership of the party, the Head Teacher reserves the right to determine whether a pupil shall participate. Where such matters arise from misconduct, a pupil is liable to suspension from the party and in the event of suspension, any non-returnable deposit paid in the name of such pupil to the Company for travel, equipment, fees or accommodation shall not be returned to the parents unless a suitable applicant can be found to fill the place and thus maintain the full complement of booking to which the organisers are committed.

**Please note that any insurance claim, be it medical or otherwise, will not carry an excess. If a claim is made on behalf of your child, the party leader will contact you to arrange completion of paperwork.**

Yours sincerely



Mr J Simpson  
Head of PE