

22 January 2018

Dear Parent/Carer

Ski Trip to Passo Tonale, Italy – April 2019

I am pleased to announce plans for a school Ski trip to take place during the Easter holidays – Saturday 6 April 2019 to Saturday 13 April 2019.

Since I have arrived at the school I have received numerous requests from parents and students for the school to offer more enrichment trips. Also, the fantastic response to the New York trip left some students disappointed as the trip filled up so quickly. Therefore, hopefully this ski-trip will provide an additional opportunity for our deserving students.

We will be travelling to the wonderful Italian resort of Passo Tonale. This is a high-altitude ski resort with a great snow record, extensive snowmaking facilities and a glacier, making it an excellent choice for an early or late ski tour. This is one of Italy's highest and sunniest resorts, our groups love the speedy lift network and lack of queues, as well as having the opportunity to ski on the Presena glacier. The resort offers superb progression from sunny, wide open nursery slopes to the longer more challenging runs higher up. Your lift pass gives discounted entrance to the nearby Ponte di Legno swimming pool and other activities available in the resort are Skating across the natural ice-rink, pizza night, karaoke, quiz and disco.

We have negotiated a fantastic deal as a school group and the cost for the week is **£975.00** which includes the following:

INCLUSIONS:

- Departure Manchester Airport Saturday 6 April 2019
- Return to Manchester Airport Saturday 13 April 2019
- Coach Transfer to Passo Tonale, Hotel Sciatori
- 7 night Full Board accommodation to include hot lunch in the hotel
- Return Overseas transfers
- 6 day ski equipment hire to include helmets
- 6 day lift pass to cover 100km of piste
- 6 day 4 hour tuition
- Ski storage by the lifts
- Services of a dedicated Equity ski rep who resides in the hotel with your group
- Help of an Area Manager
- Full use of the hotel's facilities
- Fully Comprehensive Travel Insurance

I understand that this is a large sum of money to pay out and I have therefore arranged for school to administer a payment plan. I would suggest a monthly payment system of:

- **£85.00** due by **13 February 2018** to secure a place
- Followed by payments of **£80.00** (x 2 payments of **£85.00**) per month from 16 March 2018 to 16 January 2019
- Final payment of **£85.00** by **7 February 2019**

*Parents are welcome to pay the balance at any time before each allocated payment on the schedule

	Payment Due Date	Amount		2018/19 Academic Year	
1	13 February 2018	£ 85.00	7	7 September 2018	£ 80.00
2	16 March 2018	£ 80.00	8	28 September 2018	£ 80.00
3	20 April 2018	£ 80.00	9	12 October 2018	£ 80.00
4	18 May 2018	£ 80.00	10	16 November 2018	£ 80.00
5	15 June 2018	£ 80.00	11	16 January 2019	£ 80.00
6	13 July 2018	£ 85.00	12	Before 7 February 2019	£ 85.00
					£485.00
		£490.00		Total amount Paid	£975.00

Failure to maintain payments as set out will jeopardise your child's place on the tour. It is really important that you are aware of the following:

If for any reason you are no longer able to support your child's place on the tour all monies paid could be forfeited. The tour may be over-subscribed and we will endeavor to re-sell the place but we offer no guarantees. Any monies would only be returned at the conclusion of the tour on the basis that the school could re-sell the vacant place with a full paying replacement.

Please be aware that payment deadlines must be met. Your child will receive a receipt and a payment card. Please note that students will require a valid Passport and European Health Insurance Card for this trip.

I will write to all Parents/Carers of students involved in due course to inform you of who is taking part and the staff supervising. I will also include in that letter advice about clothing and preparation, documentary information and the information about the parents evening we will be holding nearer the time. At the parents' evening I will be inviting a ski clothing company who have many years' experience in cost effective school ski weeks, to come along and give advice about clothing and other equipment that may be desirable for your son/daughter.

Many students are interested in this trip and for this reason I must point out that the places will be available based on a draw process. Once all the deposits are received after the deadline passes on 13 February 2018. I will invite a governor to attend school and draw the successful names out of a hat therefore ensuring that no child has an advantage over another.

This is a fantastic opportunity for pupils to experience breath-taking scenery and the cultural charm of an Italian ski resort. There are further benefits to a residential outward bound trip such as; coping with being away from parents for an extended duration; the cultural experience that a foreign country offers and the obvious benefits for social development.

The school reserves the right to withdraw a student's place if they deviate seriously from the positive structure our behaviour policy provides. In this case monies will only be returned if a full paying replacement is secured.

If you would like to reserve a place for your son/daughter on the trip please return the reply slip along with a **£85.00 non-refundable** deposit to the Pupil Office by **Tuesday 13 February 2018**.

In the meantime if you have any questions please feel free to contact me at school and I will hopefully be able to provide you with the answers.

(Please note: Where the student has committed to a trip, and the School has entered into a financial agreement with an external supplier for such a trip, the School cannot refund monies which those suppliers will not refund, the School is acting as an agent in buying the trip for the students)

Yours faithfully

C. Bramwell

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Headteacher

Due to the significant amount of money that is involved with this tour I feel it is pertinent to also inform you of some of the key terms and conditions as set out by Equity Ski (the travel company with whom we are organising the tour) regarding cancellations and refunds.

This is also taken from the companies booking terms and conditions, Section 9 regarding 'FORCE MAJURE': (unforeseeable circumstances that prevent someone from fulfilling a contract)

Force Majeure

We regret that we cannot accept liability or pay any compensation where the performance of our contractual obligations is prevented or affected by events or circumstances amounting to "force majeure". In these booking conditions "force majeure" means any event the consequence of which we or the supplier of the service(s) affected could not, even with all due care, foresee or avoid. Such events may include but are not limited to war or threat of war, riots, civil strife on any scale, or actual threatened terrorist activity, industrial dispute, man-made or natural disaster, adverse weather conditions, pandemic and all similar events beyond our control.

With regards to any acts of terrorism that might occur in Passo Tonale, Italy before we travel:

"We regularly review the Foreign Office Travel advice as to whether it is safe for our groups to travel... if the situation changes, then closer to your date of departure we will enter into negotiations with our suppliers regarding partial or full refunds, and/or look at the option of an alternative destination for your tour.. Please be assured that we would never jeopardise the safety of your group by sending you to a region or country that is unsafe"

Full booking terms and conditions as defined by Equity Ski can found on their website:

<https://www.schoolski.co.uk/>



Please hand in to the Pupil Office:

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Saturday 6 April 2019 – Saturday 13 April 2019**

PERMISSION SLIP

Name of Student: _____ Form: _____

- I wish to reserve a place for my son/daughter on this trip.
- I enclose the non-refundable deposit of £85.00.
- I understand the payment terms and conditions as set out in the letter

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Full name of Parent/Carer: _____