



3rd January 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Ski Trip to Austria: February half term 2018 – Kitzbuhel, Austria

I am pleased to announce that the annual school ski trip will take place in February 2018, leaving on Friday 9th February and returning on Saturday 17th February. We will be skiing in Kitzbuhel in Austria, and staying at the Pension Platzhaus. The resort is part of an extensive area, which offers extensive skiing at all levels. We will be travelling with Skibound, the company who we have used and found have very satisfactory over the past few years. It is both ABTA and ATOL protected. More information can be found at

<http://www.htstotalski.com/destination/austria/kitzbuhel#overview>

Funding and Prices: details, support and raising money

Total Price £910

This includes: travel insurance, coach to Austria, hotel, 3 meals a day, ski, boot and helmet hire, ski pass, ski lessons, fully comprehensive insurance and the support of a ski representative in the resort. I have not included the cost of evening activities, which we want to pay for everybody from our fundraising. The only additional costs are appropriate clothes and spending money, and possibly a hoodie.

Skiing is expensive, and it is impossible to get significantly lower prices while still giving students a good experience with a reliable company. Also, prices have been affected by the uncertainty over Brexit and the sterling/euro exchange rate. We have organised this trip very early, so that parents have more time to pay, which we hope will make it easier: payments can be spread out until about next October. The price is only £10 more than this year, and includes a £30 discount per child from Skibound, who we have travelled with for the past few years.

This trip is for everybody

We are an inclusive school and committed to giving as many students as possible the chance to go on this trip. We can pay for 4 Free School Meal students, and can discuss reduced payments for a couple more.

We expect ALL students involved in the trip to help with fundraising, and will be organising activities to raise funds. We would also welcome support from parents: if you have any ideas for this, or know organisations who would sponsor the trip we would be grateful to hear it. We will organise a meeting later this term, to give details to parents/carers of the trip, answer questions and to plan some fundraising.



Procedure and allocation of places

Places go very quickly, though I am hoping we will have more this year, so please return letters as soon as possible. I will allocate places according to the following criteria:

1. I offer places in order of application, and keep a list.
2. Please indicate very clearly if your child is on Free School Meals and/or you are on a low income and need some financial support, as I also keep a separate list of these students so I can allocate these places in order too.
3. The school needs to approve each child
4. You can email me your interest, but I need your child in person to bring me the consent form in person. I am based in the English Department office (U206). If I am not in the office he/she will find a box on my desk.
5. If your child has a place I will inform them and you, and ask you to pay £100 deposit. Please do **NOT** pay anything until I have confirmed he/she has a place. **All payments must be made on Parent Pay to Ski Trip 2018.**

Payments

1. If you have not activated your Parent Pay account please contact Linda Perkola in reception for log in details (Linda.Perkola@sns.hackney.sch.uk).
2. The initial deposit is £100; I have to send a second deposit of £100 in a couple of months, so I will be asking you to agree arrangements for payment. I pay the final invoice in November 2017.
3. If your child has to withdraw from the trip please let me know immediately: it is very easy to find replacements early on, but it gets more difficult as time goes on. The Ski Company do not refund payments.

I can be contacted by email (jane.bassett@sns.hackney.sch.uk) or in the English Department (extension 236). Letters can also be collected from here.

Yours sincerely,
Jane Bassett

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I would like my child _____ of

Tutor group _____ to go on the school ski trip to Kitzbuhel

Austria 9th – 17th February 2017

PLEASE STATE IF YOUR CHILD IS ON FREE SCHOOL MEALS OR YOU ARE ON A LOW INCOME AND GIVE ANY RELEVANT DETAILS

Signed: _____