

Dear Parent/Carer

5 February 2018

### **Easter SKI TRIP 2019**

Thank you for your interest in the 2019 Castle School Easter Ski Trip. We will be going back to Courchevel, France and staying at the same hotel for the tenth time. Courchevel is a fantastic resort, which offers a superb ski opportunity for skiers of all abilities and the opportunity to experience skiing in the largest and one of the most popular resorts in Europe. The holiday will be organised by the Ski and Adventure group PGL, a company that the school has used for a number of years and which has a well-established reputation for successful school trips.

The details are as follows:

- Departure date: Friday 5 April 2019 (afternoon to early evening – time will be confirmed at a later date)
- Return date: Saturday 13 April 2019 (Lunch/early afternoon – time to be confirmed at a later date)
- Transport – coach journey and ferry crossing to and from France.
- Basic cost: £1215.00

The above price includes:

- All travel including coach and ferry transfer.
- Full comprehensive insurance from Fogg Travel.
- Six nights' full board @ Les Hotel Chalets, Brides Les Bains (breakfast, packed lunch, evening meal).
- Some evening activities included, ice hockey, swimming, spa night, crepe night, pool competitions.
- Hire of skis, boots, helmets and poles.
- 5 hours ski instruction per day with the Courchevel 1850 ski school.
- 6 day Lift pass for Courchevel.
- Use of PGL staff representative.
- Snow guarantee.
- Personalised Castle School ski hoodie.

Ski Equipment:

The price does not include ski clothing. The school also has very good quality kit and equipment, which can be used at no extra charge for the week.

#### Dry Ski Slope Trip

(Only for beginners and those who have never skied) – For the past 4 years, we have taken a trip to Churchill Ski Centre (Bristol), where students have had a 2 hour lesson on the basics of skiing and a worthwhile experience to give them a head start on the mountain. Letters will be given at the ski meeting, date TBC, price around £20.

The Courchevel trip is limited to 42 places. Even if the trip appears to be full, it is advisable to pay the deposit anyway in case someone else drops out so that you can be placed on a reserve list. Deposits will not be refunded until that place has been taken by another student if you do not want to go on the trip. The school must receive the reply slip with a £200 deposit as soon as possible in order to secure a place. You can pay via the school's online payment system, by cash/cheque (made payable to The Castle School) or by credit/debit card (in person or over the phone).

Once numbers have been confirmed you will receive details of the ski meeting where you will have the opportunity to fill in all forms required for the trip, make payments, try on hoodies, hand in passport details, collect details on the dry ski slope trip and watch a ski trip presentation from the ski team.

#### **Payment Schedules**

First deposit due date – by Thursday 22 March 2018 - £200.00

Remaining balance due date – January 2019

#### **Year 10 and 11 Students school expectations**

It is important that all Year 10 and 11 students are aware of the school's requirements for going on a residential trip. Students must be on track in all subjects, on top of coursework and revision and showing the correct effort and behaviour in lessons and around school. I hope that this will not be a problem for any students with the trip being so close to final exams. In cases where students do not meet these requirements, it could result in them not going on the 2019 ski trip.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require further information or if you wish to discuss any details outlined in this letter. My school email address is [rjones1@castle.somerset.sch.uk](mailto:rjones1@castle.somerset.sch.uk) and if you have any queries I will reply to you as soon as I can.

Yours sincerely

**Mr Jones– Castle Ski Trip Party Leader**

Your child will be given a payment card by the Finance Office (after the first deposit has been paid and the trip has been confirmed) which they must bring with them whenever a payment is made by cash or cheque. You can also pay via the school's online payment system or by credit/debit card (in person or over the phone).

Please complete the reply slip below and hand in to the school Finance Office.

All cheques made payable to 'The Castle School'.

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**Ski Trip – Courchevel – Easter 2019 - Please return to the Finance Office.**

Name of student..... Year group they will be in when trip commences.....

I enclose a deposit of £200.00 for the 2019 Ski Trip to Courchevel/I have paid online, or by credit/debit card\*. \* Please delete as applicable.

Printed name.....Signed..... Date.....

Parent/Carer - Email Address.....

Parent/Carer - Mobile number..... Home.....