

Voluntary Aided 11-18 Roman Catholic School for Girls Headteacher: Ms Julia Waters BSc (Hons) MA

July 2019 (Letter 1)

Dear Parent/Guardian

## Re: School Ski & Snowboard trip to Temu, Tonale, Italy

I am writing to you with details of the School's Ski & Snowboard trip to Italy, departing in the evening of Thursday **13<sup>th</sup> February 2020** and returning Friday **21<sup>st</sup> February 2020**. *These dates may be subject to change due to ferry availability by a day*. This trip takes place during February half term. I have been involved in organising and running many successful school trips to Italy, France, Austria & various trips around the UK for a number of years with the Ursuline. I will be accompanied by 5 members of staff, depending on our total student numbers. If your daughter has to pull out of the trip from September 2019 to December 2019 we may be able to find a replacement for her but **you will lose your deposit**. If a replacement is found you would be refunded payments made minus the deposit. At this point you would be welcome to use the insurance provider to claim back up to 75% of your payments. This would be subject to the insurance policy wording which would be decided once the trip is booked. Below are outline details of the trip:

# The total cost of the trip (excluding hoodies and possible snowboarding) is £1010 \*\* per person and this price includes the following:

- Return executive coach transport
- Return Ferries
- Full board accommodation in Temú
- Hot Lunches Daily and an Evening Meal water will be provided at lunch
- 6 days lift pass
- 6 x 6 hours ski lessons + 1 hour lunchtime supervision
- 1:10 ski instruction ratio this may change due to student ability and progress
- 6 days hire of carving skis, boots and poles
- 6 Day Helmet Hire
- Full winter sport ski insurance.

\*An optional Ski trip hoodie (approximately £18 separate, additional payment on ParentPay in January 2020). \*\* There is a £20 supplement for Snowboarding.

### Where are we going?

The ski resort Ponte di Legno/Tonale/Presena Glacier/Temù (Adamello Ski) is located in the Sole Valley/Val di Sole (Italy, Province of Trento) and in the Camonica Valley/Val Camonica (Italy, Lombardy). The hotel can been seen here;

### Passport/EHIC Card

Your daughter will require a valid passport <u>in her own name</u>, as we do not have a group passport. <u>Family</u> <u>passports or European I.Ds are not valid</u>. Students will also have to have a European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) which can be got from the NHS website. This is free; do not pay for this health card if you are sent to a 'middle-man' website. This card is very important as it is used first in case of an accident. Currently these are still valid for state-healthcare in Europe but I would recommend getting this ASAP. There must be 6 months left on the passport from the return date of the trip.

### Fitness & Health for safety

Please also be aware that you have a duty to make sure that your daughter is fully fit and healthy to attend the trip. Fitness sessions will be available in 2019 to ensure that all students can cope with the demands of the trip. If any medical issues; either mental, emotional or physical, arise after the medical forms are handed in you are obliged to inform the trip leader immediately and preferably at least 2 weeks prior to our departure date. We

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reserve the right to refuse or withdraw a place on the trip at any stage if in our view your daughter is not sufficiently fit and healthy.

### **Securing a Place**

There are a limited number of places on the trip and places will be allocated on a first come first serve basis, so we recommend you access your Parentpay as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. Subject to availability, a deposit via Parentpay of £250 no later than 19th July 2019 will secure a place for your daughter. Additionally, we can only offer this trip to students who have an **excellent work and behaviour record** and we reserve the right to withdraw your daughter's place even after monies have been paid if there are issues over her approach to school life & behaviour. Health & Safety is our priority. There will be 1 **snowboard group** of 8 students offered. If there is little or no snowboarding interest all students will all ski. A reserve list will be made if oversubscribed.

#### Payment

The necessary contribution cost of the trip (excluding the hoodie and snowboarding) is £1010. The easiest way to pay for this trip is via your 'ParentPay' account. If you have forgotten your 'ParentPay' login, please visit their website (<u>www.parentpay.com</u>) and click on "Forgotten password" in the Account login section or contact Bernadette Young in the Student Services office on 02088794344 or <u>bernadette.young@uhsw.com</u> or <u>salvina.barcellona@uhsw.com</u>

Subject to availability, to secure your daughter's place, please pay the non-refundable deposit of £250 by 19<sup>th</sup> July. However, as places are on a first come first serve basis, it is recommended you access ParentPay as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

After payment of the deposit, the outstanding balance is due in the following instalments:

- Deposit of £250 (July 2019)
- 12<sup>th</sup> August £250
- 27th September £250
- 8<sup>th</sup> November £260
- 8<sup>th</sup> November £20 2019\* (additional payment on Parent Pay if your daughter is Snowboarding)

\*Optional Hoodie Payments will be on ParentPay in January 2020 (TBC about £18 separate payment on Parent pay for Ski Hoodie)

However, if you prefer to pay the balance make the subsequent payments in one lot, and then please do so by 6th September 2019. The deposit is non-refundable. If your daughter (for whatever reason) will not be attending the trip having secured a place, please inform us immediately. If a replacement is found (from our waiting list or otherwise) the School will repay any instalments you have paid (save for the deposit) or any one-off payment (less the deposit). If a replacement cannot be found, the School will not repay any such instalment(s) or one-off payments (the deposit is non-refundable in any event). If so, you may decide to seek some repayment via the School's nominated insurance provider (details of which will be provided). This insurance usually allows a claim in specified circumstances up to 75% of the [total cost of the trip {excluding/including the deposit}. The School is not able to specify the actual terms of the policy at this time or to bind itself or any provider. This information is for your guidance only.

I would be grateful if you could **sign and return the reply slip below** to me confirming that you have paid the deposit ASAP. If you have any problems then please do not hesitate contact me at the school.

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Yours Sincerely,

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# Ski Trip 2020 initial reply slip

# Your space is only secure once your deposit is made on ParentPay

I have paid the deposit using my ParentPay account. I understand that if my daughter is unable to attend and a replacement is not found, then this deposit along with any further payments cannot be refunded.

Name of Daughter\_\_\_\_\_

Form class: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent contact name:

Parent contact email:

Contact number(s):

Country current passport is issued by:

Expiry date of current passport:

Parent Signature:

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# Return this slip to Miss Doyle in the PE office

# Skiing or Snowboarding experience:

How many weeks ski / snowboard experience has your daughter had?

(Tick if interested) If the option is available I would like to **snowboard** Leave blank if you do not want to snowboard.





