

1<sup>st</sup> May 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

### **Ski Trip 2020**

Following the 2019 ski trip I have provisionally booked the 2020 trip with the same company as we have travelled with the last few years. We are heading back to the same resort we travelled to last year and this letter sets out the arrangements for this proposed trip.

We have provisionally booked the 2020 ski trip to depart at the start of the Easter holiday on **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April** and return on **Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2020**. We will travel by coach and ferry and will ski in Val di Fiemme, a small Italian resort ideal for school groups. Hotel accommodation has not yet been confirmed but will be 3\* standard.

Val di Fiemme is a resort in the Italian Dolomites in the region of North East Trentino. It has a variety of landscapes and offers over 140km of skiing in 5 different ski areas each offering a very different skiing experience but all with high quality lift systems and piste preparation. Lift passes cover all the areas and students will be able to use the different areas whilst staying with the same ski instructor for the whole week. The area where we will be staying also contains a number of attractions (in addition to skiing) and it should be possible to ice skate, swim, shop and visit a local disco in the evening. The accommodation is full board with a hot snack lunch on the mountain in any of the numerous restaurants available. The rooms will all be en-suite and multi bedded with several students sharing a room – usually in groups of 2 or 3. It is approximately a 15 minute drive to the slopes by private coach each day.

The cost of the trip will be **£945.00**. This is a small increase on the 2019 trip due to the poor exchange rate unfortunately and uncertainty over Brexit. This cost will include all travel, insurance, five hours of ski instruction per day for five days, ski passes, hire of skis, boots, poles and helmets, food once in resort and evening activities. If your child is going to be 18 years old when we depart there will be an additional cost of approximately £30.00 payable for an adult lift pass. A payment schedule will be established when places have been confirmed but to reserve a place at this stage we will require a **non-refundable deposit of £150.00**. Once the trip has been confirmed, you will be liable for any costs incurred should your child drop out of the trip.

If you would like your child to take part in this trip please complete and return the attached permission slip with payment (cheques made payable to The Blue School) to the Finance Office, open daily at break only (11.10-11.30am) by Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2019. Please be aware that the trip runs entirely in the Easter holidays and although Y11 and 13 students are welcome to travel with us, they will need to consider their approaching exams when making the decision. **This trip will not run unless the take up reaches 40 students by the deadline.** In the event of this not happening all monies will be refunded at that stage. N.B. Cheques will not be banked until the trip is confirmed.

Should there be any questions please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Yours sincerely



Mrs S Holland  
Head of Physical Education

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To: The Finance Office, daily at break only (11.10-11.30am) by Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2019.

**Mrs S Holland – Ski Trip 2020 – Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April to Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2020.**

Name of Student: .....Tutor Group: .....

- I enclose **£150.00** (cheques payable to The Blue School)

As a parent of the above student I have read, fully understood and am satisfied with details supplied about the above mentioned activities and agree to my daughter/son taking part in it. I know of no medical reason why s/he should not participate.

- The school has Activities Insurance for students for all trips and activities on and off the school site. Details of the key benefits are available from the Finance Office.
- Parents should consider taking out additional insurance cover for their child if they require benefits above those provided by the school.
- The School only provides cover at the School against proven or agreed negligence by its employees.

Signature of Parent/Carer: ..... Date: .....