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Dear Parents

Ski 2018 – France

The forthcoming ski trip will be to La Plagne. It is in the French Alps and has one of Europe's largest ski areas with direct glacier access.

La Plagne is at the hub of the Paradiski ski circuit, one of Europe's largest interlinked ski areas and offers 425km of skiing. Two is the magic number in Paradiski: the ski area covers La Plagne and the neighbouring resort of Les Arcs, features two glaciers, two double-decker cable cars each carrying over 200 people, and a vertical drop of 2km! In addition to the huge variety on offer, La Plagne has an excellent snow record and varied evening entertainment.

Plagne 1800 has gentle forest surroundings and a village made up of traditional chalet style buildings with direct access to the slopes and lifts. Just 50m from our accommodation is the ski school meeting point, nursery slopes and a choice of lifts providing direct access to either Plagne Centre or Aime La Plagne, or you can follow the forested runs down to Plagne Montalbert.

Plagne Centre and Belle Plagne are the main resort hubs, each providing a wide choice of lifts to explore further afield and access the surrounding satellite villages.

Belle Plagne also provides direct access to the Bellecote glacier, the highest point in resort at 3,250m, and Montchavin, the lowest at 1,250m – intermediates and advanced skiers have an unrivalled choice of runs, above and below the tree-line, and from long, gentle cruisers to steep and challenging blacks.

The hotel we shall be staying at is The Rhododendrons. This is a modern chalet-style hotel, offering excellent facilities and direct access to the slopes. It is situated in the heart of Plagne 1800. Guests simply cross the road to reach the ski-school meeting point. A free ski-bus provides a link with the other resort villages.

The hotel lounge features informal seating and an open fireplace, whilst other communal areas include a dance and exercise studio on the top floor and two games rooms feature a pool table, TV/ DVD and classroom facilities. The basement ski lockers have heated boot storage and direct access to outside.

There are 42 bedrooms which sleep 2-4 people, and are all equipped with private en-suite facilities and TV. Bedrooms are simply decorated, but comfortably furnished throughout.

All meals are served in the restaurant, which has views across the lower slopes of the resort.

The après ski entertainment may include cinema, pizza night, bowling, ice-skating, as well as quizzes, bingo and the all important gift shopping evening. These are group activities in which all pupils participate and the money for these activities is normally taken from pupil's pocket money during the course of the holiday.

Pupils may be given permission during our stay at La Plagne, to go shopping in small groups without the direct supervision of a member of staff. If this is the case, pupils will only be allowed in to the

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village in groups of three or more, and will be required to sign in and out of the hotel, where a member of staff will be on duty to monitor the process.

The trip will depart on the **15 December 2018** and return on the **22 December 2018** and precise times of departure will be confirmed in due course. The party will be led by myself, and accompanying staff will be Mr Palmer and Mrs Gaunt. The trip will be covered by specialist winter sports insurance that covers all aspects of the trip, including medical insurance. Any person that needs to carry an inhaler or epipen will be required to carry their own on the slopes, but may deposit a spare item with staff.

The cost of the holiday will be £1075 and will include:

- Return coach transfer between school and airport
- Return flight and resort transfers from Newcastle Airport
- Overseas coach transfers
- 7 nights full board accommodation – including hot lunches
- 6 day lift pass
- Ski lessons (6 days x 5hours)
- 6 days hire of skis, boots, helmet and poles
- In – resort representation and 24 hour emergency service
- Fully comprehensive ski insurance including ski breakage, snow guarantee etc.

Those pupils that have not skied before will be given the opportunity to visit a local ski slope during the period leading up to the holiday to help them prepare for the trip.

If you would like your son/daughter to participate please complete the slip below and pay a £250 deposit direct to the school bank, using the following information:

- Sort Code – 30-98-13
- Account Number – 01776186
- Bank – Lloyds Bank plc

Please ensure that you use an easily identifiable reference code, eg Ski18 and your child's name. It would also be helpful if you could put the reference you use on the reply slip below.

Please also confirm their full name and date of birth as it appears on their passport. Places will be allocated on a first come basis. The remaining balance will become due early in September.

If you have any questions you would like to ask about the holiday do not hesitate to contact me. I am available in school from 8-00am each morning or alternatively after 4-00pm each evening.

Please note that monies paid may not be refunded if at a later date if your son/daughter is unable to attend and the School is unable to fully recover the amount paid to the trip organiser.

Yours sincerely



Mr S Wilkinson

2018 Ski trip. La Plagne. 15 December 2018 to 22 December 2018.

I wish my daughter/son _____ to be a member of the skiing party.

I paid the £250 deposit on to the school bank using reference _____

Their full name as it appears on their passport is _____

Their date of birth as it appears on their passport is _____

Signed _____ (parent/guardian)