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Dear Parents

### **Years 7 to 11 Ski Trip Easter 2022: Les Deux Alpes, France**

Following the cancellation of last year's ski trip, the 2021/22 trip will return to Les Deux Alpes, travelling with Ski and Sports Travel of Sheffield. Les Deux Alpes has been voted European Resort of the Year at the World Snow Awards. Snowsure glacier skiing has made Les Deux Alpes a well-established favourite amongst British skiers, and it more than lived up to its reputation during our last two visits.

Les Deux Alpes is a superb resort for all standards of skier. Excellent beginner slopes near the resort and on the glacier make it a great place to learn whilst enjoying the stunning mountain views. Intermediates have plenty of variety, while expert skiers can explore over 220km of piste in this 'upside down' ski area. The resort is known as upside down largely because some of the easiest runs and beginner slopes are found at the top of the 3600m mountain, with some of the steepest and toughest slopes run into the resort, making Les Deux Alpes unique although there are easy runs back down to the village too! A new blue 10km slope opened at Les Deux Alpes which starts at the glacier and runs all the way down to the bottom of the resort so skiers of all abilities are able to ski back to the village and right to the hotel door.

The resort has 12 black and 20 red advanced ski slopes as well as 47 blue and 17 green beginner slopes. For the more experienced skiers, there are also three snowparks. In addition to the huge variety of slopes on offer, Les Deux Alpes has an excellent snow record and the varied evening entertainment is within easy walking distance of the hotel base.

We shall be staying at the Hotel Aalborg which has a prime location at the base of the slopes, and right next door to the Viking, Cote Brune and Coolidge Nord lifts. The hotel has a warm, friendly atmosphere in the heart of the 1650m high resort, and is situated in the centre of the villages commercial and culinary heart. The majority of rooms are four bedded and all are en suite. Meals include a buffet breakfast and a three course evening meal. The hotel's prime location adjacent to the slopes will also allow us to enjoy hot lunches.

The après ski entertainment may include swimming, bowling, ice-skating, as well as quizzes, bingo and karaoke. These are group activities in which all pupils participate and the money for these activities is normally taken from pocket money during the course of the holiday.

Pupils may be given permission during our stay at Les Deux Alpes, to go shopping in small groups without the direct supervision of a member of staff. Staff will be on duty in the hotel at all times, and pupils will be required to sign in and out if they do go shopping in those small groups.

Provisionally, the trip will depart on the 2 April 2022 and return on the 9 April 2022. More accurate timings will be available closer to departure, but it isn't anticipated that there will be a material change.

As the trip has been delayed until Easter, parents of Year 11 pupils should be aware that written GCSE examinations start on Monday 16 May 2022. Parents should also be aware that speaking tests for language subjects take place on individually identified days throughout the months of April and May.

The cost this year will be £1250 and will include:

- Return coach travel from school to UK airport
- Return flights from a Northern airport
- Overseas coach transfers
- 7 nights full board accommodation including hot lunches
- 6 days lift pass
- 6 days hire of skis, boots, poles and helmets
- 30 hours of ski tuition – 5 hours per day
- Snow Guarantee Insurance
- Fully Comprehensive Winter Sports Travel Insurance
- Dedicated Resort Representative
- 24 hour emergency contact number & medical assistance service

Those pupils that have not skied before will be given the opportunity to visit an indoor ski slope during the period leading up to the trip. This will be at Castleford indoor slopes, and the viability of this option will be assessed once pupil numbers and skiing ability have been confirmed.

If you would like your son/daughter to go on this trip please complete the slip below and return it to school, paying the non-refundable deposit of £250 into the school account as detailed below. This initial deposit is required by Monday 1 November with the final balance will become due early in January 2022. Places are limited to 40 pupils and will be allocated on a first come basis. The viability of the trip will be reassessed should pupil numbers not reach 30.

Bank account details for deposits and the final balance are as follows:

Sort code – 30 98 13  
Account number – 01776186  
Bank - Lloyds Bank

Once pupils have paid their deposits, they will be required to complete 'Code of Conduct', 'Medical Information' and skiing ability documentation.

The teachers accompanying pupils will be Mr Wilkinson, Mrs Gaunt, Mrs Reily, Mr Palmer and Mr Thorogood.

Any pupils who need to use an inhaler or epipen will need to carry their device with them at all times, although a spare may also be deposited with staff.

The trip will be covered by specialist winter sports insurance that covers all aspects of the trip, including medical insurance and is provided via the tour company, Ski and Sports Travel. Copies of the cover can be provided for those pupils who do sign up for the trip. This wintersports insurance carries an excess of £50/claim, and parents will be asked to cover this cost upon our return should an insurance claim arise.

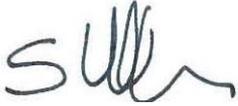
The tour company have provided additional Covid insurance guarantees should the event be cancelled due to government restrictions, and have further advised that unvaccinated travelers may be required to provide negative Covid test results before travelling and upon their return. However, this requirement is under regular review and may change prior to departure.

The 2022/23 ski trip will revert to its traditional date of December 2022, and has been provisionally booked for a departure date of 16 December 2022.

If you have any questions you would like to ask about this trip or the next one, please do not hesitate to contact me. I am available in school from 8am each morning or alternatively after 4pm 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

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I wish my daughter/son \_\_\_\_\_ to be a member of the skiing party and I have transferred the £250 deposit to the school account.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ (parent/guardian)\*

\* To comply with the Children Act, children of divorced or separated parents must have the written consent of all those with parental responsibility.