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SKI TRIP TO Passo Tonale

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Dear Parent or Guardian,

I hope your Son/Daughter is looking forward to the ski trip next year especially with the cancellations, difficulties and restrictions over the past year. Below is some information about the trip, some of has changed since the trip was previously advertised so please read it carefully.

The resort:

Passo Tonale - Tonale Pass is a high mountain pass in northern Italy across the Rhaetian Alps, between Lombardy and Trentino. It connects Valcamonica and Val di Sole. It is delimited by the Ortler Alps to the north and the Adamello range to the south.

The Skiing:

The skiing is a short journey from the hotel. Lower slopes provide confidence giving blues and nursery slopes, whilst the upper slopes will challenge most skiers but there are also blue runs from the top to the bottom of the mountain which give a great sense of achievement. While the nursery slopes are not separate from the other pistes, there are dedicated nursery areas with their own lifts at altitude where snow conditions are always good. For more able skiers there is a wide selection of pistes, both above the tree line and through the trees.

The Accommodation:

The Hotel LOCANDA LOCATORI is a 3* hotel with accommodation for up to 110 people. It's located at the edge of the village, 700m from the main lift station. The staff speak good English. Rooms for students are for 3 or 4 people with a combination of twin/bunk beds. All room are en-suite. Hotel facilities include a restaurant and spacious communal areas

The basic package includes:

- Travel from and to school by executive coach
- 5 night's accommodation on a full board basis with en-suite facilities
- 5 days skiing
- Ski instruction, for 5 days, 5 hours per day
- Equipment hire – including helmets for 5 days
- Local lift pass for 5 days
- Evening entertainments
- Comprehensive insurance
- Local tourism tax

As parents you need to be aware that, as with all school trips, there is an element of risk in this trip. On this particular trip we will be traveling by coach to the continent and journeying through the night. Students will be skiing, in a controlled ski area and will remain supervised by local ski instructors at all times. This does not guarantee their safety and accidents do happen on ski slopes, however all reasonable precautions will be taken to minimise accidents. In the evening a variety of activities will put on for students which may include ice skating and other low risk winter sports.

For every student attending the trip it is a requirement to meet the entry requirements of the country they are travelling to. These requirements are set by each nation's government and we do not have any control over it. Please be aware that double vaccination across Europe is minimal and

The dates for the trip will be: 10th – 17th February, 2023.

The cost will be: £950

Price is based upon a minimum of 51 students. Please be aware if we do not meet these minimum numbers the trip may not be able to go ahead or the price may increase slightly.

Other items to budget for:

- Meals on the journeys
- Hire/purchase of ski clothing
- Dry slope lessons - optional
- Pocket money
- Individual passport if necessary

Please find detailed below the revised remaining payment schedule that has been set by the tour company. We must stick to these dates to ensure that the trip can take place.

First deposit of £80 PAID

Second deposit of £80 – March 9th

Third deposit of £100 – May 6th

Forth deposit of £100 – June 29th

Final balance – November 30th

You can of course make any interim payments at any stage before the dates indicated. All payments must be made via ParentPay.

Parents should be aware that it is school policy that participation in a trip will be dependent on staff feeling confident that your son/daughter will behave appropriately. In particular, poor behaviour between now and the date of the trip it is likely to result in your child being withdrawn from the trip. The decision of the Headteacher on this matter is final.

I look forward to the company of your son/daughter on the trip. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



Mr. J Parks
Group Leader.