

Dear Parent/Carer

8 March 2017

### **CHRISTMAS SKI TRIP 2017**

Thank you for your interest in the 2017 Castle School Christmas Ski Trip. We will be going back to Courchevel, in the French Alps and staying at the same hotel for the ninth time. Courchevel is a fantastic resort, which offers a superb ski experience for skiers of all abilities. It is the largest and one of the most popular resorts in Europe. The holiday will be organised by the Ski and Adventure group PGL, a company that the school has used for a number of years and which has a well-established reputation for successful school trips.

The dates for the ski trip are 15 – 23 December 2017. This will mean students missing two days of school (18 and 19 December).

The details are as follows:

- Departure date: Friday 15 December 2017 (Afternoon to early evening – time to be confirmed at a later date)
- Return date: Saturday 23 December 2017
- Coach Travel by: To be confirmed at a later date.
- Total cost: £1100.00

The above price includes:

- All travel including Coach and Ferry Transfer
- Full comprehensive insurance from Fogg Travel.
- 6 nights full board @ Les Hotel Chalets, Brides Les Bains.
- Hire of skis, boots and poles.
- Ski helmets hire (this is a compulsory item).
- 5 hours per day ski instruction with the Courchevel 1850 ski school.
- 6 day Lift pass for Courchevel.
- Use of PGL representative
- Snow guarantee

The price does not include ski clothing. Arrangements can be made for the hire and/or purchase of ski clothing. Alternatively, the school has some very good quality kit which can be used at no extra charge for the week (available on a first come, first served basis).

### **Priority Booking for Year 10s**

The trip is limited to 42 places. If you are interested, regardless of your year group, you need to have returned the form and deposit by 17 March. **Allocation priority will be given to the current Year 10s.** As soon as the trip is full we will notify parents and confirm places. Any unsuccessful applications/deposits will be returned.

Once places have been confirmed you will receive a parents' ski pack which will include all the necessary forms and paperwork. You can collect the parent ski pack from Student Reception or the PE office.

### **Payment Schedules**

First Deposit due date Friday 17 March – First Deposit - £200.00

Final Balance Payment 22 September

As with all our school trips, students will be expected to uphold the reputation of the school, therefore exceptional behaviour is expected at all times both on the trip itself and in the lead up to the trip. Failure to do this could result in them losing their place and any payments made to date.

If you are currently receiving free school meals please tick the box on the attached form as funds are available to cover the cost of the trip.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require further information or if you wish to discuss any details outlined in this letter. My school email address is [rjones1@castle.somerset.sch.uk](mailto:rjones1@castle.somerset.sch.uk) and if you have any queries I will make an effort to reply to you as soon as it's convenient.

Yours sincerely

**Mr Jones—Castle Ski Trip Party Leader**

Your child will be given a payment card by the Finance Office (after the first deposit has been paid and the trip has been confirmed) which they must bring with them whenever a payment is made by cash or cheque. You can also pay via the school's online payment system or by credit/debit card (in person or over the phone).

Please complete the reply slip below and hand in to the school Finance Office.

All cheques made payable to 'The Castle School'.

**Ski Trip – Courchevel – 15-23 December 2017 - Please return to the Finance Office by 17 March at the latest.**

Name of Student..... Year group they will be in when trip commences .....

I enclose a deposit of £200.00 for the 2017 Ski Trip to Courchevel. I have paid by cash/cheque\*.

\* Please delete as applicable.

I am currently receiving the Free School Meals.

Printed name.....Signed..... Date.....

Parent/Carer - Email Address.....

Parent/Carer - Mobile number..... Home Tel .....

