

6 May 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

Easter SKI TRIP 2023

Thank you for your interest in the 2023 Castle School Easter Ski Trip. We will be going back to Courchevel in France and staying at the same hotel for the twelfth time! Courchevel is a fantastic resort, which offers a superb ski opportunity for skiers of all abilities and the opportunity to experience skiing in 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 details are as follows:

- Departure date: Friday 31 March 2023 (time will be confirmed at a later date)
- Return date: Saturday 8 April 2023 (Lunch/early afternoon – time to be confirmed at a later date)
- Transport – coach journey and ferry crossing to and from France.
- Basic cost: £1455.00

The increase in cost from 2022 is due to a number of factors including increased fuel and cost of living costs. Secondly, we will have an additional instructor which reduces the class sizes so the students have an improved skiing experience. We therefore have 5 instructors which reduces the numbers in the ski groups from 11 to 8.

The above price includes:

- All travel including coach and ferry transfer.
- Full comprehensive insurance from Fogg Travel.
- Six nights' full board at Les Hotel Chalets, Brides Les Bains (breakfast, packed lunch, evening meal).
- Some evening activities included, ice hockey, swimming, spa night, crepe night, pool competitions.
- Hire of skis, boots, helmets and poles.
- 5 hours ski instruction per day with the Courchevel 1850 ski school.
- 6-day Lift pass for Courchevel.
- Snow guarantee.
- Personalised Castle School ski hoodie.

Ski Clothing

The price does not include ski clothing. If required, the school has some very good quality kit and equipment which can be used at no extra charge for the week.

Dry Ski Slope Trip

(Only for beginners and those who have never skied) – For the past 4 years, we have taken a trip to Churchill Ski Centre (Bristol), where students have a 2-hour lesson on the basics of skiing to give them a head start on the mountain. Letters with details of this trip will be given at the ski meeting, date TBC, price around £20.00. The Courchevel trip is limited to 42 places. However, once the trip is full we will set up a

reserve list so we would advise signing up and paying the deposit in case someone drops out. Deposits are non-refundable unless the space is taken by someone on the reserve list. Please complete the reply slip and return with your **£200 deposit, cash or cheque only** (payable to The Castle School) as soon as possible in order to secure a place. Subsequent instalments can be made either via the school's online payment system, by cash/cheque (made payable to The Castle School) or by credit/debit card (either in person or over the phone).

Once numbers have been confirmed you will receive details of the ski meeting where you will have the opportunity to fill in all the forms required for the trip, make payments, try on hoodies, hand in passport details, collect details on the dry ski slope trip and watch a ski trip presentation from the ski team.

Payment Schedules

First deposit due date – by 15 July 2022 - £200.00

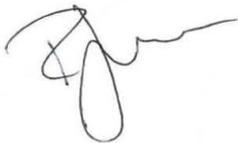
Remaining balance due date – January 2023

Year 10 and 11 Students school expectations

It is important that all Year 10 and 11 students are aware of the school's requirements for going on a residential trip. Students must be on track in all subjects, on top of coursework and revision and showing the correct effort and behaviour in lessons and around school. I hope that this will not be a problem for any students with the trip being so close to final exams. In cases where students do not meet these requirements, it could result in them not going on the 2023 ski 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 and if you have any queries I will reply to you as soon as I can.

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'.

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Ski Trip – Courchevel – Easter 2023 - Please return to the Finance Office.

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

I enclose a deposit of £200.00 for the 2023 Ski Trip to Courchevel – **cash or cheque only please.**

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

Parent/Carer - Email Address.....

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