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Dear Parent/Guardian

Ski Trip 2020 - Les Deux Alpes, France

Following Maiden Erlegh Reading's successful Ski Trip this year to Sestriere, Italy, we have decided to do a joint trip with them.

Miss Burns (Assistant Headteacher at Maiden Erlegh Reading) and Darren Hunter (Head of PE at Maiden Erlegh Chiltern Edge) are ski trip organisers with many years of experience leading and accompanying school ski trips. The trip will be organised through 321 Ski (<https://www.321ski.co.uk/>). This trip will include coach and ferry/Eurotunnel travel, hooded sweatshirts and après ski, and we will be staying in the French resort of Les Deux Alpes. Miss Burns will be doing an inspection visit before the trip in order to familiarise herself with the area, hotel and après ski on offer. This is a well-developed resort, and the skiing area is incredibly large (215km), and the ski runs available cater for all abilities, and come in abundance. An information evening for parents and students will be held in January. Details of this will follow closer to the time.

General Details

- Dates:* Saturday 4 April 2020 – Sunday 12 April 2020
- Trip:* This will be a joint trip with Maiden Erlegh Reading
- Travel:* The journey will take in the region of 18 hours and is by coach and ferry/Eurotunnel.
- Accommodation:* Le Soleil. This is a typical French hotel, offering outstanding food. The hotel is 200m from the slopes, and 50m away from evening activities. The hotel is centrally located, but out of the main area. Many schools who book this hotel return year on year.
- Skiing:* 6 days of skiing with 5 hours of ski instruction and supervision per day. This will be 3 hours in the morning, and two hours in the afternoon. Students will only ski under the supervision of an instructor, in groups according to their ability: beginner, intermediate or advanced. **There is no free skiing.**
- Dry skiing:* Dry slope lessons at John Nike Ski Centre, Bracknell are a compulsory requirement for all beginners on the trip. These will run after school during January.
- Ski fitness:* A compulsory requirement for all members of the trip. These sessions will run after school in February and March.
- Evening:* A range of activities likely to include quiz, bingo, disco, swimming, Ice Skating and pizza night.
- Cost:* Complete Beginners: £1114 (£45 dry slope lessons)
Non-beginners: £ 1069

Students will need their own valid passport for this trip and a valid EHIC card.

The ski trip is not a holiday - students must be both physically fit and emotionally resilient. Details of any pre-existing illness/injury may have to be declared to the insurer ahead of the trip and an additional cost may be incurred.

During this trip the accompanying staff will be available at all times but there will be periods of remote supervision when students will be expected to be in groups of no fewer than three. Remote supervision is when the group is monitored by staff from a distance but they are not directly with the group.

Allocation of places:

Skiing trips are always popular. There are 50 student places available and we cannot guarantee a place for everyone who applies. **The deadline for applications is 3pm on Friday 14th June** and in the event of oversubscription, a place on the ski trip will be allocated on the basis of a) meeting the deadline, b) behaviour record, c) attitude to learning and attendance. If these criteria do not discriminate, names will be drawn at random.

Breakdown of Cost

Return executive coach transfer from school to resort	
Return channel crossing via Ferry/Eurotunnel	
6 nights full board accommodation including hot lunches on the mountain	
A 6 day lift pass	
Ski lessons: 30 hours of ski tuition (5 hours per day)	£1012
Ski equipment hire for 6 days (skis, boots, poles and helmets)	
Fully comprehensive travel insurance	
3 x après ski activities	
Personalised Ski Hoody	
Incidental expenses, e.g. drinks and chocolates at the end of each day, administration costs, ski awards, photographs.	£25

Total £1069

Additional Costs

Compulsory ski lessons at John Nike Ski Centre, Bracknell. **£45**
This is a requirement for all beginners on the trip.

Payment scheme

****Payments will be requested only once your son/daughter has been allocated a place on the trip****

An initial deposit of £200 and then £869 paid in five instalments of £174 on or before 1 July, 1 August, 1 September, 1 October, and 1 November. Payments by ParentPay only.

*If you are entitled to Pupil Premium, you are able to use your Personal Allowance towards this trip. This means you can use any money left from this year, as well as the full amount (or part) for the next academic year should your entitlement remain, **however you must fund the initial deposit.** You do not have to use the Pupil Premium Personal Allowance should you choose not to. If you do choose to use this allowance, there will be no additional funding throughout the year.*

*Please note funding for **all** Pupil Premium personal allowances' will increase to £150 per year, commencing September 2019.*

Payment for dry slope lessons will be requested separately.

Please complete the attached form, ensuring that it is signed and dated and return it for the attention of Mr Hunter by 3pm on Friday 14 June.

If you require a hard copy of this letter, this can be acquired by your child at the school reception.

If you have any enquiries about the proposed trip, please do not hesitate to contact me by email dhunter@maidenerleghchilternedge.co.uk

Yours sincerely

Mr D Hunter
Head of PE
Maiden Erlegh Chiltern Edge

(Return to Mr Hunter by 3pm on Friday 14th June)

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Student Name: _____ Tutor Group: _____

Number of weeks he/she has skied on snow: _____

Experience on dry slope: _____

/ I would like my son/daughter to be a member of the Maiden Erlegh School ski trip, from Saturday 6 April – Sunday 14 April 2019.

/ I accept that once a place has been allocated, payments are non-returnable unless a replacement can be found. Should it be necessary to withdraw my child at any stage, I undertake to inform the school in writing as early as possible.

/ I accept that my child's place on the trip could be withdrawn in the event of significant poor behaviour between now and the trip date. Payments are non-returnable unless a replacement can be found.

/ I understand that my son/daughter needs to be physically fit and emotionally resilient. I will declare any pre-existing medical conditions ahead of the trip if asked to do so.

/ I understand that the dry slope ski lessons are compulsory for all students who have never skied.

/ I am fully aware of the risks involved in skiing on dry slope and on snow.

/ I understand that whilst the staff in charge of the party will take all reasonable care, they cannot necessarily be held responsible for any loss, damage or injury suffered by my child which occurs as a result of the ski trip.

/ I understand and agree to my child being remotely supervised at times during this trip.

/ I give permission for my son/daughter to go on the ski trip. I confirm that I am invested with the legal authority to do so. Any other person with parental rights or authority over my son/daughter has also been informed and agreed to his/her participation in this event. In the event of illness or accident, I consent to any necessary medical treatment, which might include anaesthetics.

/ I agree to be responsible for transport from school to home after the trip.

Signed: _____ Parent/Guardian Date: _____