

Dear Parent/Carer

I thought it a good time to update you on preparations for the ski trip to Pila in January. We have yet to receive our provisional travel details but these are likely to be along these lines:

- We leave school on Saturday 18th January 2020 around 7.00pm
- Our ferry will leave Dover at around 9.00pm that night
- We travel down through France to Geneva and on to Chamonix where we cross into Italy via the Mont Blanc Tunnel, arriving at the resort around lunchtime on Sunday 19th January. We will go straight to the ski centre to fit boots and skis before we go on to the hotel later that afternoon.
- On the return Journey we will leave the hotel on Saturday 25th January 2020 at about 7.00pm and arrive back at school at around 10.00am on Sunday 26th January having caught an early morning ferry from Calais.

Our Hotel is the Hotel Dujany, Via Risorgimento 104, 11020 Nus, Aosta, Italy (flyer attached). I have confirmed the other staff accompanying us: they are Mr Baitrum, Mrs Foster, Mrs Hodge, Mrs Ritchie and Mr Mayo.

I have arranged a presentation evening on Tuesday 3rd December 2019 at 6.30pm where I will set out all the details of the trip and answer any questions. There will also be samples of clothing and equipment available for hire so the children can try them. I can then take orders on the evening if you so wish. It is essential that you attend so that we can address any questions and worries you might have.

I will give your child an Interski equipment brochure so you can have a look at what they offer for sale and rental in advance.

I have also booked two, 2 hour, beginners ski lessons at the Brentwood Ski Centre on the 6th & 13th December 2019. **If your child has skied with us before they will not need to attend.** The sessions will be during the school day. As such we are able to subsidise half of the cost making it £23.50 for you to pay instead of £47 for the 4 hours. This can be paid anytime from now up until the first lesson. **If your son/daughter is eligible for dry ski lessons, the payment can be found on "trips" on your Sims-Pay home page.**

Could I also remind you that the penultimate payment of £100 is due by Friday 29th November 2019 and the final balance of £100 is due by Friday 10th January 2020, so please keep making your on-line payments. Also please make sure your child has a current passport. If they do not, I would urge you to apply for one without delay. They will not be able to travel without one.

Your child will also need a valid European Health Insurance Card (EHIC). This can be obtained by calling the application line on 0845 606 2030, online at www.dh.gov.uk/travellers or at the Post Office. These cards can be produced if medical treatment is necessary so avoiding you receiving invoices which then have to be claimed back through insurance.

Hopefully this keeps you in the picture for now. The information evening should address any questions you have but in the meantime feel free to contact me with any pressing issues you may have at this moment.

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