



CHARLTON SCHOOL

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Principal: Mr A McNaughton



November 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

Ski trip to Zell am See-Kaprun-Kitzsteinhorn – Austria 2025

As you may be aware, we organise a ski trip for students on an annual basis. We have provisionally booked 40 places for a ski trip to Austria from **Friday 11th April 2025 for 8 days (possibly departing on Thursday 10th April)**. The trip will cost approximately £1185 (*this is based on 40 paying students; if we obtain fewer numbers then there may be a small supplement*) and includes 5 hours ski instruction a day in a small group environment, 5 full days of skiing, hire of skis and boots, lift pass for the entire duration of the trip, comprehensive travel insurance and full board in a three star hotel, which is located a short journey away from the slopes. We will travel by executive coach and the journey could take around 24 hours to reach the resort.

If your child would like to go on this trip, please return the slip below with a deposit of **£100** which is required to secure their place, this must be returned to school no later than **Monday 4th December 2023**, in a secure envelope with your child's name on, or via ParentPay, this will be on a first come first served basis. *Should this trip not take place, this deposit is refundable.*

Following the initial deposit, we would then need to receive the following payments over the next year leading up to the trip:

- 1st Feb 2024 - £100
- 1st March 2024 - £100
- 1st April 2024 - £100
- 1st May 2024 - £100
- 1st June 2024 - £100
- 1st July 2024 - £100
- 1st September 2024 - £100
- 1st October 2024 - £100
- 1st November 2024 - £100
- 1st January 2025 - £100
- 1st February 2025 - £85

In order to simplify matters and to ensure that we meet the payment deadlines, we would request that either cash, or postdated cheques are used for all the remaining payments, or by using our online ParentPay payment system. The reason we ask for post-dated cheques is should payments not be made on time; the tour companies can include a surcharge. We have in previous years been charged an additional £1000. You can also choose to pay more each month if you wish please communicate this with Mrs K Hughes in Finance.

****If you would like to see what our ski trip entails, then please head over to Charlton School's Facebook page to see our video montage of footage from our recent trips.****

Recent court action against teachers acting in good faith as the 'responsible parent' on a school trip has necessitated a review of our policy on what is a sensible response to bad behaviour or disobedience.

The key points to follow are:

- If we feel your child's behaviour in school, prior to the trip, is not acceptable they will be put on a contract following a discussion with parents/carers and if they fail this contract they will be removed from the trip without a refund if we are unable to find a replacement.
- We will operate a zero tolerance on any act, which could result in danger to that person or to others.
- We operate a zero tolerance on behaviour deemed unacceptable.
- In either event the pupil concerned will be sent home at short notice entirely at the parents/carers expense.
- Parents/carers, trusted friend or a relative must be available at any time to collect the returned pupil. Contact numbers must be provided for that purpose.

Please note that this is an energetic holiday, and it would be advisable not to allow your child to participate if you feel their health would suffer or they would not be able to complete 5 hours of physical activities per day.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs L Perrott
Party Leader

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Please return this slip and deposit to Mrs K Hughes in the Finance Office by **Monday 4th December 2023**

Declaration: I have read and understand the content of the ski trip letter for the proposed trip to Austria.

Please Reserve (name) in Form a place on the ski trip to **Zell am See-Kaprun-Kitzsteinhorn – Austria 2025**

I enclose a deposit of £100 which I understand is **non-refundable** but refundable should the holiday be cancelled through lack of numbers.

(Please tick as appropriate)

- I have paid £100 via ParentPay
- I enclose the payment £100 (if paying by cheque, please write your child's name clearly on the back and made payable to Charlton School)

Signed (parent/carer) Date

- *Once your deposit is paid, your place is secure, and your money will not be refunded unless we have found a fully paying replacement for your child.*
- *Should your child demonstrate unacceptable behaviour in school at any time we reserve the right to withdraw their participation in the trip without refund if we are unable to find a replacement.*