



CHARLTON SCHOOL

Taking PRIDE in progress and partnership, with learning at the heart of all we do.

Principal: Mr McNaughton

February 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

RE: Ski Trip to Montafon Valley – Austria 2021

As you may be aware, we organise a ski trip for students on an annual basis. We have provisionally booked 24 places for a ski trip to Italy on **Friday 2nd April 2021 for 8 days**. The trip will cost approximately £890 (based on 24 paying pupils; 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, a deposit of £100 will be required to secure their place. This must be returned to school by no later than **Friday 14th February 2020**, together with the reply slip at the bottom of this letter. Should this trip not take place this deposit is returnable.

Following the initial deposit, we would then need to receive the following payments over the next 12 months:

- Second deposit - £150 – Friday 3rd April 2020
- Third deposit - £250 – Friday 3th July 2020
- Fourth deposit - £200 – Monday 12th October 2020
- Fifth deposit - £90 – Tuesday 1st December 2020
- Final deposit – £100 – Monday 11th January 2021

In order to simplify matters and to ensure that we meet the payment deadlines, we would request that postdated cheques are used for all the remaining payments. The reason for this is that if payments are not made on time, the tour companies can include a surcharge. We have in previous years been charged an additional £1000.

****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. We will also be uploading content from this year's trip on to the School's Facebook page and Charlton PE's (@Charltonpe) twitter feed over Easter.****

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;

- 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 parent/guardian's expense.
- Parents, trusted friend or a relative must be available at any time to collect the returned pupil. Clearly 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.

Kind regards,

Mrs L Perrott
Party Leader



RE: Ski Trip to Montafon Valley – Austria 2021

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 Montafon Valley – Austria 2021.

I enclose a deposit of £100 (cheque payable to the Charlton School) which I understand is refundable should the holiday be cancelled through lack of numbers.

Signed **Date**

Please note that 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.

Please return this slip to Mrs K Hughes in the Finance Office by **Friday 14th February 2020**

