

October 2018

Skiing trip to Wildkogel, Austria February 2020.

Dear Parent/Guardian

The P.E department has organised a trip to go Skiing at a resort in Austria in February 2020. We will be leaving on Saturday 15th February 2020 and returning on Saturday 22nd February 2020.

The trip is open to all year groups. In the event of the trip being oversubscribed priority will be given to those students with good behaviour and good attendance. If the trip is still oversubscribed a ballot will be held.

The cost of the trip is **£1,300**. This includes all transport by coach and air, accommodation for 7 nights and food whilst in Austria. Food and drinks will be needed for the coach trip to the airport (to be advised). Once your place has been confirmed we will produce a payment plan so the sum can be paid off in instalments. Also included in the cost are all lift passes, ski and boot hire and in house après ski insurance. There is also the facility to rent all the other clothing required to save you having to purchase it all.

Pupils will need a personal passport, with a minimum expiry date of July 2020. There will be limited opportunities for shopping and a small amount of pocket money may be taken on the trip. We will be based in a 3-star hotel in Bramberg which has excellent facilities including a Sports Hall and games room.

In cases of hardship, it may be possible to apply to the **Mary Graves Trust** for financial assistance, please note; you do not have to be unemployed to be eligible for this means tested grant. This is available if your child was born in Cumbria and has not already received funding from the Trust while in Secondary Education. If you think that you may be eligible for funding, see attached information and contact Susan Houghton on 01900 873290. For further information and an application form. Please note if you have received a grant from the Mary Graves Trust before you will not be eligible for one again.

We do reserve the right not to take individual pupils on visits, especially where there may be concerns about their behaviour and/or attendance. We also reserve the right to withdraw pupils who have been accepted on the visit where concerns about attendance/behaviour have arisen in the intervening time before the visit. Any monies outstanding may still have to be paid and any monies that have been paid would be non-refundable.

Please note that if you withdraw your son/daughter from the trip at any time it will result in the non-refundable deposit being lost. If we are unable to fill the place with another student it may result in you having to pay the final balance. This is because all trips are costed according to a minimum number of students travelling, therefore if a student is withdrawn we still have to pay for that place on the trip.

If you wish for your child to take part in the skiing trip please complete the attached consent form and return it to the Finance Office, in a sealed envelope along with your non-refundable deposit of £150 by Monday October 15th 2018. Please pay via cheque made payable to St Joseph's School Fund. Alternatively contact Susan Houghton to make other arrangements. If your child does not get a place on the trip, this will be returned to you.

Please note: any monies owed to the school for fees or previous activities will need to be paid before your child can secure a place on this trip.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at the school if you have any queries or concerns. Shortly there will be a link on the school website which has a clip of the resort and hotel.

Yours faithfully

Mr A Redhead
Head of PE
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I would like to reserve a place on the Ski Trip to Austria (15th – 22nd February 2020) for my son/ daughter:

STUDENT NAME

TUTOR GROUP

(Please tick below)

I have enclosed the £150.00 deposit via cheque. If my child does not get a place it will be refunded.

I intend to apply for a Mary Grave Trust grant.

I intend to speak to the finance officer to arrange an alternative payment.

SIGNED (Parent/Guardian) DATE