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Dear Parent / Carer,

Advanced Booking To Support Your Saving Toward The 2023 Year 10 Ski Trip.

I count myself exceptionally lucky being organiser of Ski Trips at Langtree since 2004 as they have allowed me to watch and support hundreds of young people to conquer life skills they thought they would never achieve. Langtree is in a unique position of running a Ski Trip solely for one year group, year 10. The group came home to Langtree closer to each other than ever before, after sharing stories of the trials and tribulations involved in the physically demanding sport of skiing. I personally think there is nothing more exhilarating in life than flying down a steep hill with only an inch or two of ski between you and the snow, whilst you absorb the stunning and beautiful scenery of European mountain ranges.

Sadly due to many factors such as the world's economy, this sport comes with a premium price that only rises each year. For this reason, The Ski Company is offering parents the option of planning their finances by spreading the payments over a 20 month period rather than 12. More details later in this letter as to how this will work. First let me tell you more about the trip.

Details of The Trip

The trip will take place during the February Half Term 2023. We will travel on Friday 10th Feb 2023 and return the following Saturday respectively. Travel is likely to be by coach via the Eurotunnel or Channel crossing to Calais and then coach to the Hotel in the ski resort of Cavalese in Italy.

Langtree has used 'The Ski Company' since the 1990's and has found them perfectly tailored for school trips. The 2020 trip was again a huge success, not only because of the excellent attitude amongst the participating students, but also because of the facilities and service provided by The Ski Company. Please feel free to visit the company's website http://www.skicompany.net to see more information about the company.

During a typical day, students will have two ski school sessions lasting two and a half hours each, with an hour break for lunch. There will be inclusive evening activities organised by the Ski Company and of course full board accommodation.

Over the years I have taken away anywhere between 42 to 75 students, this very much depends on the resort capacity and coach size available. The trip will run on a first come first served policy for the trip. If you would like your child to be considered for a place on this invaluable trip, then please read on.

To apply for a place please complete the Langtree School application form **AND** The Ski Company Application form

Langtree School Application Form: <u>HERE.</u> (or type: <u>https://forms.gle/GtxV15n4hsZvE2NE9</u>). **AND**

The Ski Company: Go to: www.skicompany.net and follow the link **Applications**, then **For all Schools**, the password for the Langtree School Ski Trip is **vitty23**

Skiing in the mountains is considered to be a high risk activity and the safety of all pupils and staff is paramount to me as the trip leader. Although I wish for all pupils to experience and gain from such a fantastic experience I will take into consideration pupil behaviour and attitude in the past and from now until the trip date. I therefore reserve the right to exclude any pupil from the trip and will not hesitate to give the then unfilled place to the next person on the reserve list instead.

It is important to note that this is not just a school trip to spend time with friends, we are all going to ski. Skiing is hard work, mentally and physically demanding. I say this as I do not wish for any parent to waste a significant amount of hard earned money on their son/daughter to be sat taking up one of my valuable team in the hotel getting bored for a week, because they have given up.

Cost of Trip and Spreading the Cost

The entire trip will cost £1,210.00 you will be asked to either pay in full by BACS or to pay an immediate deposit of £100.00 followed by monthly payments which are calculated from the time you apply for a place. For example if you had applied at the start of May, then the payments would have been £52.86 for the next 21 months.

Peace of Mind – our guarantee to you. (The Ski Company - guarantee)

You can cancel your booking at any time and for any reason before 1st November 2021 and receive a full refund.

If the government of your country of departure advises against all but essential travel and travel is imminent - then a full refund or a rebooking will be offered.

If national or regional lockdowns of your country of departure prevent travel and travel is imminent - then a full refund or a rebooking will be offered.

If the government of the destination country introduces a ban on arrivals from your country of departure and travel is imminent - then a full refund or a rebooking will be offered.

If the government of your country of departure and / or the government of the destination country require guarantine and travel is imminent - then a full refund or a rebooking will be offered.

If the FCDO advise against travel to your destination or a country you have to travel through to reach your destination and travel is imminent - then a full refund or a rebooking will be offered.

If the Department of Education in your country of departure advises against overseas residentials and departure is imminent - then a full refund or a rebooking will be offered.

I do hope that you and your son/daughter will strongly consider this trip as I am so aware of the positives that come from it. All students coming home from it each year repeatedly say it is "the best trip ever!"

Kind Regards

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Mr. M. Vitty Trip Leader