



Dear Parent/Guardian

Advanced Booking To Support Your Saving Toward The 2028 Year 10 Ski Trip.

I count myself exceptionally lucky being organiser of Ski Trips at Langtree since 2004, this has allowed me to watch and support in excess of a thousand young people conquer challenges and learn life skills they thought they would never achieve. Langtree is in the unique position of running a Ski Trip solely for one year group, year 10. The group come 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 a few millimetres of ski between you and the snow, whilst you absorb the stunning and beautiful scenery of European mountain ranges.

Sadly due to many factors, this sport comes with a premium price that only rises each year. For this reason, The Ski Company and I try to support parents in the planning of their finances by spreading the payments over two years rather than one. 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 2028. We will travel on Friday 11th or Saturday 12th February 2028, flights dependent and return on Saturday 19th of February 2028. Travel will be by coach from Langtree usually to Stansted or Heathrow, a flight to Verona and then by coach to the ski resort, Pinzolo in Italy.

Langtree has used 'The Ski Company' since the 1990's and has found them perfectly tailored for school trips. This year's 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 [companies website](#) where you can learn much more about this fantastic opportunity.

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 fantastic evening activities which may include, swimming, ice skating, floodlit skiing or simply soaking up the local village life in Pinzolo, which are organised by the Ski Company and of course full board accommodation.

The Ski Company has pointed out a significant decline in numbers requesting snowboarding. It has become a not financially viable option, so has been removed from the forms. However if we were to get a minimum of 10 students of the same ability wanting to board, then we may be able to make this happen. There would be a small additional cost to the trip if this was the case. If interested please apply for the trip as per below instructions, but **also** send me an email to indicate your child's interest in snowboarding. mvitty@langtreeschool.com

Skiing in the mountains is considered to be a high risk activity and the safety of all students and staff is paramount to me as the trip leader. Although I wish for all students to experience and gain from such a fantastic experience I will take into consideration student behaviour and attitude in the past and from now until the trip date. I therefore reserve the right to remove any student from the trip and will not hesitate to give the then unfilled place to the next person on the reserve list instead. Please see the [Ski Company Terms & Conditions](#) to see how this would impact you financially.

Trips and Visits Policy

Please read the school policy in relation to trips and visits: [HERE](#) and please note that: The Headteacher reserves the right to withdraw any student from a trip or visit on the grounds of behaviour. This can happen before places are allocated or at any time after place allocation as deemed appropriate by the Headteacher. In such a circumstance the school will not refund any payments to parents already made to the tour operators or external suppliers.

As I pointed out to your child earlier today at school, 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 child to be sat taking up one of my valuable team in the hotel getting bored for a week, because they have given up! We will vet the list of applicants with the help of heads of year and PE teachers and may well give you a call, should we think your son/daughter may fall into this category. Along with this we will consider prior behaviour as a safety concern in the mountains.

Payment

The cost of the trip is £1965.00 and I do appreciate just how much this is, particularly in the current financial climate, many will struggle as I did last year for my son's first ski trip. My son paid for half of the trip himself, by doing chores like washing our and friends cars and cutting our lawn. All of his Christmas and birthday presents went toward the trip as well. Students that have worked hard for their trip often enjoy the trip more as they really understand the value of what they are being lucky enough to take part in.

I do hope that you and your child 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!" If you are interested please **complete the [Ski Company application form](#) through this link**.

What Happens Next

There is a capacity of 50 students for this trip, please apply and should you apply beyond the 50th place, your son/daughter will automatically be on the waiting list. Langtree will then look at the list and decide if there are any concerns by the end of May. If we decide to remove any student by the end of May, then there will be no financial loss, the Ski Company will reimburse the deposit. Please assume your son/daughter has a place on the trip if you have not heard from the school by the end of May.

Kind Regards



Mr. M. Vitty
Trip Leader