



Chew Valley School

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Dear Parents/Carers

School Ski Trip – Easter 2019 (6 – 13 April 2019)

The time has arrived to start preparations for next year's ski trip. Although it is over a year away, we need to book early in order to secure a reservation at a high quality resort.

For next year's trip we have selected the French resort of Les Menuires and there are many reasons for this:

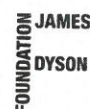
- It has a very reliable snow record, with the resort at 1850m and skiing up to 2850m. There are also many snow canons in the ski area.
- Our hotel is just metres from the ski lifts and students will be able to return to the hotel for their lunch, between their morning and afternoon lessons.
- There are over 160km of runs of all grades included in our lift pass.
- The beginner slopes are just outside the hotel and there are no bus transfers needed.

Do please have a look at the resort and Hotel Skilt on the tour company's website which is www.skibound.co.uk. When choosing a resort for the 2019 trip we faced the usual quandary - how do we get excellent facilities and skiing without it being prohibitively expensive? We look for doorstep skiing, a reliable snow record, a good quality hotel and travel by air rather than a long coach journey. February half term is much more expensive than the Easter departure we have chosen, and in February it is also the busiest week of the season.

The cost of the 2019 trip is £1350 and this includes:

- Return flight from Bristol Airport. (This cannot be confirmed at this early stage, though it is highly likely. If it proves impossible, we will fly from Gatwick).
- All coach transfers to and from the French airport.
- Full board accommodation including hot lunch at the hotel.
- Hire of skis, boots, poles and ski helmets.
- Ski lift pass.
- Ski lessons for four hours a day (two hours in the morning and two in the afternoon)
- Full insurance – Medical, travel, personal liability, ski breakage, cancellation due to ill health and redundancy of parents.
- UK airport departure tax.

Extra costs to be budgeted for are hire or purchase of ski clothing (hire costs about £30 for one week) and spending money. We can take a maximum of 35 students on next year's ski trip. In previous years the places on the ski trip have been filled quickly and, therefore, we will allocate them on a first-come, first-served basis. We reserve the right to refuse a place to students whose behaviour in school, or on previous trips has been poor. The burden of responsibility rests upon the staff that go on the trip and in an alpine environment we must ensure that we take only students whose behaviour will not endanger themselves or others.



There may be some students who are coming skiing with us this year and wish to go again the following year but, understandably, do not want to commit themselves before going the first time. If this is the case, we will 'hold' a place for students as long as they inform us, and then confirm or decline the place within a week of our return from this year's trip.

If you wish to pay throughout the year we will, of course, be able to accept payments at any time. In recent years we have had an increase in the number of students who pay their deposits and then decide they do not want to go on the ski trip for various reasons. This has unfortunately led to the loss of deposits as we have been unable to fill the vacated places. **We must emphasise, therefore, that there is no guarantee of a refund of deposits if your child decides they don't want to go.** We would also ask that a letter from home is sent to confirm the change of mind. (In the case of cancellation due to illness or redundancy of a parent this is covered by insurance).

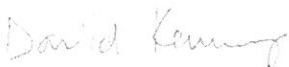
If you wish to book a place for your child on the 2019 ski trip, please complete the form below and return it with a cheque for £200 to the Finance Letter Box as soon as possible.

Although the first deposit payments must be made by cheque, the second and third payments can be made by cheque or by ParentPay. This can be done online by logging onto the school's website www.chewvalleyschool.co.uk, click on 'Parents' from the toolbar and select 'ParentPay' which will take you to the ParentPay website. Alternatively you can log direct onto the site at www.parentpay.co.uk.

Payment arrangements:

Initial deposit of £200 as soon as possible to reserve a place for your child.
Second deposit of £300 by Friday 22 June 2018
Third payment of £250 by Friday 28 September 2018
Final payment of £600 by Friday 23 November 2018

Yours sincerely



Mr D Kenny
Party Leader

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Reply Slip – Please return to the Finance Letter Box as soon as possible
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Name of student: _____ Tutor Group: _____

Please reserve a place for my child on the 2019 Ski Trip to Les Menuires. I enclose a cheque for £200 made payable to Chew Valley School.

Signed: _____ Parent/Carer

Ref no: 1062

Please tick the box if a receipt is required