



ELLESMERE PORT CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

'I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full' John 10.10

5th February 2019

Dear Parents / Guardians,

Ski Trip 15-22 Feb 2020

I am extremely pleased to announce the school is planning to run a ski trip in the February half term 2020 to Nassfeld, Austria. The trip will depart from a Northwest airport on 15th February for 8 days and 7 nights. Nassfeld has recently undergone something of a transformation with the increase in the amount of skiing available, and the addition of the Millennium Gondola. This, it is claimed, is the longest gondola in Europe, and has put Nassfeld right onto the keen skier's map, with extensive and convenient skiing to suit every member of the group. With most slopes north facing, comprehensive snow cannon coverage, and lifts to over 2000m, you can depend on snow conditions being excellent at Nassfeld.

A school ski trip can be the opportunity of a lifetime. Your child will get to challenge themselves both mentally and physically and be given the opportunity to become independent, make decisions for themselves and others and to socialise with students from all different year groups to form unique bonds. This truly can be a life changing experience.

This trip will be suitable for all students, whether they are absolute beginners or experienced Skiers. I am aware of the cost of the trip and am giving as much notice as possible to allow payment to be spread over the greatest period of time. **The price of the trip is £1330** and can be spread across the year with a payment plan. Preferred payment method is online via scopay. **The initial non-refundable deposit is £200 and needs to be paid by Friday 15th February.**

The payment schedule is as follows:

Deposit amount	Date paid to EPCHS
Initial non-refundable deposit to secure a place - £200	Friday 15 th February
First Payment - £220	Friday 22 nd March
Second Payment - £220	Friday 31 st May
Third Payment - £220	Friday 12 th July
Fourth Payment - £220	Friday 20 th September
Final Payment date- full balance remaining - £250	Friday 22 nd November

What's included in the price

- Flights from one of our nominated North West airports (Liverpool or Manchester)
- Airport to resort coach transfers
- 7 nights full board accommodation in multi bedded rooms
- Any daily transport required to reach your ski area from your accommodation
- Airport Taxes and any local taxes charged
- 6 days ski pass
- 6 days ski and boot hire
- 6 days helmet hire
- 6 x 5 hours a day skiing tuition
- Après ski programme (e.g. quiz, games, film night, bowling, swimming etc.)
- Winter Sports Travel & Medical Insurance
- Piste Closure Insurance
- Ski Breakage Insurance

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- VAT at current rates to tour operators
- In resort Halsbury Representative
- Detailed Information Pack including ski DVD and parents evening presentation pack
- 24 hour emergency contact assistance from the UK

What's not included in the price

- Food and drinks outward and inward journeys
- Drinks other than water
- Snacks
- Spending money

As there are only 35 places available, places will be offered on a first come first served basis. No places will be reserved without a deposit.

Attendance for students going on the trip must not drop below 95%, and we also reserve the right to refuse a place to students whose behaviour in school so far has been unacceptable, or withdraw students whose Behaviour Points become a cause for concern during the year. **Once a place has been definitely confirmed, we are unable to refund any subsequent payments unless a replacement student is available**, as the money will have already been sent to the travel company. Only extreme cases are covered by the insurance policy – a change in financial circumstances or a change of mind are not considered valid reasons for cancellation by insurance companies and cannot therefore be refunded by the travel company or ourselves. The trip **must** be paid in full by Friday 22nd November 2019 as we have to pay the final balance to the travel company a week after this date.

If we fill all the places and your child doesn't manage to get a place, we can put your child on a reservation list in case of drop outs or instances of poor behavior.

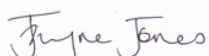
As this trip runs over 2 academic years it is vital that your child completes and returns the Educational Visits form in January 2020 otherwise your child will not be allowed to attend the trip as it is vital on a trip like this that we have current and up to date medical information.

In order for your child to attend this visit they must have a passport with at least 6 months valid on the day of return of the trip. We will request passports when the travel agent informs us that they require the details.

If you would like to secure a place on the trip for your child, please can you fill in the slip below and return it to the White Box in Student Services after having had approval from your child's Head of Year on the reply slip on or before Friday 15th February. If too many students apply, all students will have their names drawn out of a hat, to make it a fair chance for every student, no places will be reserved without a deposit. Any queries please don't hesitate to contact me.

If you are happy and would like your child to take part in this event, please return the Permission Slip below to the White Box in Student Services, FAO Mrs L Sykes no later than Friday 15th February.

Yours Faithfully



Mrs Jayne Jones

Assistant Head Teacher- Personal Development, Welfare and Safety

EPCHS REPLY SLIP

Ski Trip 16-22 Feb 2020

Student's Name: Form:

- I wish to reserve a place on the Ski Trip for my child.
- I agree to pay the full cost of £1330.00 for the trip by 22 November 2019.**
- I include / have paid online a deposit of **£200.00**. (*Deposits are non-refundable*).
- I understand if I pull my child off the trip with no valid reason or my child is taken off the trip due to poor behavior and no replacement is found I will not be entitled to any money back as the travel company will not accept this as a valid reason for refunding the monies.

Preferred payment method is online via scopay. Alternatively, Cheques can be made payable to Ellesmere Port Catholic High School with your child's name and form on the back.

Signed: Date:
(Parent/Guardian)

Signature of Head of Year: Date:

(DO NOT RETURN THIS SLIP WITHOUT APPROVAL FROM YOUR HEAD OF YEAR)

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