



March 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

### **WYMONDHAM HIGH SKI TRIP: Friday 14<sup>th</sup> - Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2020**

The school ski trip for 2020 will be going to Kronplatz, in the Dolomite mountains of South Tyrol, right on the border between Italy and Austria. The hotel is Italian, which means better food than in Austria! It will take place during the February half term week in order to take advantage of the best mid-season snow conditions. The trip is open to all ages and abilities (you do not already need to be able to ski) and offers a rich learning experience, not only through a fun and challenging sport in a new and exciting environment but also enjoying the culture of another country and developing important emotional skills such as team work, perseverance and determination. First timers will find it a life changing experience and returning customers will continue to develop their skills and enjoyment of this wonderful sport.

If you are interested in taking part, there are some items to clarify:

The package includes Coach travel, hotel accommodation, all meals, ski lift pass, skis, boots & helmet hire, licenced ski instructors with 6 x 5 hours instruction per day, insurance and evening entertainment. The total cost will be £979 for those under 16 at the time of travel, with a lift pass supplement of £67 for anyone aged 16 or over. The pound/euro exchange rate has unfortunately increased the price of these trips in recent years, but an all-inclusive overseas adventure sports trip, in peak season in a great resort, still represents good value compared to cutting corners that would decrease the quality of skiing and the trip in general.

**Kronplatz** is South Tirol's premier ski resort with wide, open slopes in all directions from the top of the main summit. Nearly all the lifts are gondolas, including the beginner slope (something I have never seen anywhere else!), with no drag lifts at all in the resort. There are 120km of pistes (58km blue, 32km red, 29km black) and most are great for general 'feel good' cruising. Beginners start on the nursery slope but will find themselves touring the main slopes as the week progresses. For more experienced skiers, there are plenty of big, wide runs for which the Italian resorts are famous. February has an excellent snow record but modern snow making facilities also help to ensure 100% coverage.

The hotel **Peintner** is in Uttenheim, a relaxed, picturesque village located nearby. It is a charming little hotel which takes only one group, so we will have sole occupancy of the hotel. The family who own the hotel run it themselves with a very warm and friendly atmosphere. The rooms are traditionally pretty and very well kept, with a maximum room size of 4 (all with private facilities and balcony). Other facilities include wi-fi, dvd/TV, sauna, heated drying room, dining room and sun terrace. Being Italian, the food is really good. Breakfast and three course dinner is in the hotel and packed lunches/drinks are provided. Some choose to buy extra lunchtime snacks or drinks but this is a preference rather than a necessity. Some spending money is recommended for a meal on the outward and return journeys, and possibly a couple of trips to a supermarket or souvenir shopping area, but all trip activities are included. The coach stays with the group for the duration of the week and is used to get around in the evenings for the included activities as well as to take us to and from the slopes each day.

In accordance with Norfolk CC regulations all skiing is under the supervision of English-speaking, official Ski School Instructors. For beginners this is essential and for the more experienced skiers they act both as a guide, knowing the best routes, areas and conditions for their group, as well as teaching more advanced ski techniques. Ski groups are organised by prior experience and form a strong bond with each other and their instructors as they progress through the challenges of the mountain. All Instructors are insured and have direct contact with Mountain services. Students wear the ski helmets included in the package at all times whilst skiing; this is now the law for under 16's but we extend this rule to all staff and students on our trip.

Other than skis, ski boots and helmet, all other winter sports clothing and goggles will need to be provided. For beginners the best starting point is to borrow items from friends or family. Further details including a recommended clothing list and retailers will be given to all members of the confirmed group and can be discussed along with any other queries at the parents evening which will be held at a later date.





Hotel Peintner



View from Kronplatz base station



View of Kronplatz top station



Kronplatz Piste Map





If you would like to reserve a place on the trip for your son/daughter please complete the slip below and **return it to the finance office during the first week back from the Easter Holiday along with a £100 deposit cheque, payable to Wymondham High**. It is advised that you write 'ski trip 2020' on the back of the cheque. Once the trip is full, any additional names will form a reserve list and these deposits will not be banked. Once deposits have been sent to the tour operator, payments from participants can only be refunded as and when a suitable reserve is found to take the place. Those with places on the trip will be contacted soon with more details including a spread payment schedule, once the trip is confirmed as going ahead.

Yours faithfully,

Mr J Walsh, ski trip organiser

### Wymondham High Ski Trip 2020

Name of Pupil ..... DOB ..... Year .....

I would like to reserve a place for my son/daughter on the February half-term 2020 Ski Trip.

**I enclose a cheque for £100 payable to Wymondham High.**

Name of cheque account holder (if different from pupil surname above): .....

Special medical or dietary requirements and known allergies:

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No prior experience of skiing is required (although a dry slope beginner course does give you confidence and a head start), but please fill in your ski experience level so that safe and appropriate grouping of the students and correct ski equipment can be arranged:

Number of **weeks** experience **skiing** on snow..... **OR** Hours of dry slope **ski** experience .....

**It is likely that the trip will comprise of ski groups only. Snowboarding carries an additional supplement of £49 and snowboarders would need to have the ability to perform basic linked turns on a snowboard prior to the trip** (e.g. by completing a beginner course at the Norwich dry ski slope).

**PLEASE FILL IN BELOW ONLY IF YOU WOULD PREFER TO SNOWBOARD, IF AVAILABLE:**

Number of **weeks** experience snowboarding **on snow** .....

**OR I am already signed off** to perform basic linked turns on a snowboard .....

**OR I would complete** a course to perform basic linked turns on a snowboard prior to the trip .....

I understand that snowboarding may not be an option and I am happy to ski if required .....

Parental signature ..... Date .....