

26th March 2018

Dear Parent/ Carer,

SKI TRIP 2020

After several very successful and fun filled Ski Trips across the years with Interski, I am writing to you with initial details of the proposed Ski Trip to Pila in Italy that will run in 2020. The details are as follows:-

Date: 25/1/2020 – 2/2/2020
Resort: Pila, Aosta Valley
Company: Interski
Cost: £920

The price includes:

- Return travel from school by executive coach with toilet/washroom and lap seat belts
- Continental breakfast on outbound journey and hot breakfast on return journey
- Half board hotel accommodation mainly in 2, 3 or 4 bedded rooms all with private facilities – including full evening meal on day of departure from resort
- Hot snack lunch on arrival and on each ski day at a mountain restaurant
- Ski instruction – four hours per day for 6 days with an hour's lunch supervision with qualified snowsport school instructors
- 6 days hire of top quality carving skis and boots
- Full après-ski programme - entrance fees, ski tests, badges and certificates included
- Cross channel ferry crossing and all road tolls
- Full area ski lift pass
- Comprehensive winter sports insurance
- Total financial protection - Interski is an ABTA member (V6114) and ATOL holder (1409)
- Total safety – Interski belongs to the Schools Travel Forum (STF) and holds an LOTC badge
- Hoodie – School group hoodie

Additional costs to consider:

- Drinks except with breakfast and with lunch voucher (water is placed on tables for the evening meal)
- Pocket money
- Specialist clothing and ski wear - Interski's rental division can provide high quality rental ski wear and helmets for as little as £35 for the week.
- **PLEASE NOTE THAT THE WEARING OF SAFETY HELMETS IS COMPULSORY BY ITALIAN LAW FOR CHILDREN AGED UNDER 14 YEARS.**
- Insurance excess if treatment is required in Italy (currently £35/50€ for under 18s, £70/100€ for 18+)
- Due to Brexit, further unforeseeable costs may incur for things such as visas etc.

The cost is based on a party of 40 pupils and places are being offered to pupils who are currently in Years 7 and 8. Places will be allocated upon receipt of a non-returnable deposit of £75.00 paid either via Parentmail or cash/cheque (Cheques should be made payable to Great Torrington School). Please hand the slip below to the Finance Office to secure your child's place by **Friday 20th April 2018**. The remaining balance can be paid in monthly instalments

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between now and Friday 1st November 2019.

It is the aim of the school not only to encourage your child in their academic studies, but also to develop their social skills and physical fitness as well as to enable them to experience environments outside their normal day-to-day lives. The school ski trip has always been a really valuable educational residential experience as well as being thoroughly enjoyable. The added advantage of skiing during term time is that the pistes are much quieter and provides additional safety to the pupils.

Details of the resort can be found at <http://www.interski.co.uk/resorts.php> and a presentation for parents and pupils will be organised before the trip to give you more details.

Please note that any withdrawals from the trip that are not covered by the insurance policy will result in any previous payments made not being refunded. Prices are set by the group size and this policy is to prevent other pupils from incurring increased costs as the result of others withdrawing from the trip. We also reserve the right to refuse places on the trip and remove pupils at any point prior to the departure date if we have concerns about their behaviour and progress within school.

More details including a payment plan will follow once places are confirmed. If you have any queries regarding to the trip please do not hesitate to contact me at the school.

Yours faithfully



Mr G Cooke
Ski Trip Leader

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SKI TRIP 2020 DEPOSIT – Please return to the Finance Office by Friday 20th April 2018

NAME OF PUPIL..... HOUSE GROUP.....

I wish my child to take part in the School Ski Trip 2020 and I confirm that I have paid a non-returnable deposit of £75.00.

My child *has/has not been on a School Ski Trip before (*please delete)

- a) I have read the information about the proposed activity
- b) I authorise the organiser to act on my behalf
- c) I understand that the first £75 deposit is non-refundable. I agree to keep to the payment schedule. Cheques should be made payable to Great Torrington School
- d) *I understand that in the event of cancellation of the trip due to unforeseen circumstances e.g. terrorist activity, bad weather etc., THAT FUNDS MAY NOT BE AUTOMATICALLY REIMBURSED. As a result all payments are at my own risk.*

Signed..... Parent/Carer Date

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