

20 March 2017

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Dear Parent/Carer

Ski Trip February 2018

It is the aim of the school not only to encourage students in their academic studies but also to develop their social skills and physical fitness through experiencing environments outside their normal day-to-day lives. We are, therefore, proposing to organise a school ski trip during the February half-term in 2018 to Marmot Basin, Jasper, Canada with 321ski <http://www.321ski.co.uk>.

321ski is ATOL protected and ABTA registered, is a full member of the School Travel Forum, and holds the Learning Outside of the Classroom badge. This means that 321ski is independently audited for safety and high standards of quality for school travel.

The cost of the trip will be £1900 (students over the age of 16 on the return date have **an additional charge** of £75 Airport Duty).

A non-refundable deposit of £200 is required **with the reply slip** at the bottom of this letter by 19 April, to confirm the school's place with 321ski. It is also important that you accept, sign and return the Ski Contract together with the slip. **Any application without the reply slip, cheque or the Ski Contract will not be considered.** Should there be more than the required number applying for the trip, the students will be chosen at random.

Once I have collected all the deposit payments, I will arrange a Parents' Evening to answer any further questions. I will write to all the confirmed students separately with details of the evening, and I will then also need to collect further details to facilitate the ski hire and accommodation bookings.

Please note that the cost will include:

- Return air travel from a London airport;
- Half board hotel accommodation with en-suite facilities, including breakfast and evening meal. The cost of the trip also covers an amount to give each student per day to buy lunch on the mountain;
- Ski instruction – 5 hours per day for 5 days with qualified ski school instructors;
- Evening activities such as aquatic centre, cinema, Ice skating disco, quizzes and the possibility to select two of the following: Maligne Canyon, SkyTram, Astronomy;
- 5 days' hire of skis/snowboard and boots;
- Full area ski lift pass;
- Comprehensive winter sports insurance with 321ski;
- Total financial protection.

Not included:

- Drinks except with breakfast (water is placed on tables for the evening meal);
- Pocket money;
- Meals during transit;
- Specialist clothing and ski wear.

Suggested Payment Schedule	
Payment due by:	Amount
Immediate: No later than 19 April 2017	£200 non-refundable to secure a place
14 June 2017	£200 deposit
8 September 2017	£750
Final Balance 10 November 2017	£750
Over 16 on return date Airport Duty	Additional £75

Please return the reply slip below, together with a cheque and the Ski Contract, in an envelope. **Any application without the slip, cheque or the Ski Contract will not be considered.**

It is proposed that a staffing ratio of 1:8 will accompany the trip subject to Governing Body approval.

Yours faithfully



Mr I Scholefield
Trip Leader

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Please complete and return this slip with the cheque and The Ski Contract to the school office by Wednesday 19 April 2017

I would like my son/daughter Form

to be included in the party for the ski trip during February 2018

My son/daughter will be over 16 on 15 February 2018 and I understand this will require an additional £75 to cover Airport Tax

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Skiing – number of weeks experience

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Size of shoe..... Height..... Weight.....

I will be attending the Parents' Evening at the school at (date to be confirmed) **Yes/No**

1. I understand that the £200 initial payment is to secure a place on the trip and is non-refundable.
2. I agree to all of the attached terms of the Ski Contract.
3. I agree to keep to the payments schedule.
4. **I have read and agree that I will abide by the 321ski T&Cs available on their website:** <http://www.321ski.co.uk/downloads/termsandconditions321ski2.pdf>

Cheques should be made payable to *Carre's Grammar School*

Please use the email address **below** to keep me informed of the date of the Parents' Evening, any ski updates and further information.

Email address:

Signed: Parent/Carer

Dated: