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Dear Parent / Guardian

SKI TRIP : Saalbach, Austria – February 2013

I am planning to take a 9-day ski trip to the resort of Saalbach in Austria from **Friday 15th February to Saturday 23rd February 2013**. It is essential to book early because demand for these courses is very high.

The Company I use to take care of all travel, accommodation and skiing details is Club Europe Holidays of London who are specialists in coach travel and have served us well over the last 10+ years. As a company, Club Europe meet all the requirements laid down by North Yorkshire Education Authority and is a fully bonded member of ABTA.

Saalbach is an excellent resort for all grades of skier, although my main concern is that the beginners are well catered for. I have been to Saalbach before and have been very satisfied with the whole layout of the resort. There are many gentle nursery slopes for beginners and good progression to the more challenging slopes for improving skiers.

Provisionally, I have booked 42 beds in a purpose built, family-run youth hostel. The rooms accommodate 4-6 youngsters and all have private facilities. From personal experience I can fully recommend the Jugendgastehaus Eibinghof.

We would be travelling by executive coach (a journey of 24 hours) and the cost of the tour is a guaranteed **£900** per child. This cost includes return transport from the school, fully comprehensive winter insurance, hire of ski equipment (including helmet), ski passes, instruction (5 hours of lessons for 6 days), evening entertainment (including a trip to a professional Ice Hockey match) and full board accommodation. I recommend that participants set aside a further £60-70 (maximum and in Euros) pocket money to cover meals en-route and refreshments during the day.

Your child would also need a certain amount of special ski clothing, but I recommend that growing children take the more practical and cheaper solution of hiring major items. Ski equipment can be hired from School Plus Ski Service in Otley, at very reasonable rates much nearer the date.

The trip offered is a complete package and the price is guaranteed. From the moment the booking is accepted there is cover for cancellation on medical grounds or in the case of redundancy.

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Paperless Communication

I wish to make future correspondence via email and do my bit to reduce the carbon footprint! Therefore if you wish your son/daughter to be considered for the trip please email me to register your interest at:

keirwilson@king-james.n-yorks.sch.uk

(Please check the spelling carefully, I have had many variations of my name written incorrectly over the years!)

Please include the following in your email

Subject: Saalbach 2013

Son/daughter's Name and Tutor Group

If you are unable to email me or do not wish for your email address to be part of my "ski group email" and would prefer to write to me, please feel free to.

The deadline for all submissions of interest is **Friday 25th November**. If necessary I will do a public draw on Tuesday 29th November at lunchtime. I will then email you to let you know if your son/daughter has been successful or not and would require a deposit cheque for £75 by Friday 9th December to secure a successful place. From past experience the ski trips are very popular, hence the reason for the public draw. If unsuccessful, your son/daughter will be drawn on a reserve list.

A party size of 40 youngsters is required if the tour is to be a viable proposition. Club Europe's payment schedule is as follows:

Second Deposit of £75: Due **by January 20th 2012**

I am aware that the final balance is a large sum of money so feel free to pay in any money in instalments of your choosing and direct to the Finance office.

Final Balance of £750: Due early **November 2012**

(Cheques made payable to King James's School)

Should you wish to withdraw your son/daughter (not due to medical or redundancy) at a later date, please do so in writing to me personally. If I am able to replace your son/daughter I will give you a full refund. Tour firms operate a sliding penalty once the final payment is made to them – the minimum you will lose will be your deposits, although the closer we are to departure the less money you will get back.

Yours faithfully

Mr K Wilson

Party Leader