



## LANCHESTER E.P. (Cont.) PRIMARY SCHOOL



Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2024

Dear Parents,

It may seem strange to plan for a ski trip almost a year away and while we are still currently on this year's trip, but in order to negotiate the best prices and deal, it is necessary to start planning now. It also means that the cost of the trip can be spread out over as many months as possible. Availability for next year is sparse already which is why it is necessary to plan it so far ahead.

This trip is a very popular residential and one that has been attended by many children and parents in the past. It will be open to all children in next year's Years 4, 5 & 6 as well as any parents wishing to join them. However, it is expensive and is not for everyone.

We are fortunate to have a very good relationship with Skibound, a highly reputable national company. In 2025, we will be going to a new hotel and resort in the French Alps: we will be going to Alpe D'Huez and staying in Skibound's Clubhotel Vallee Blanche. This is a bigger resort with even more slopes for both the beginner and advanced skiers and comes highly recommended by many experienced skiers, including the instructors the children have had this year! The dates of travel will be Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2025 to Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2025 and is the end of the February half-term holiday.

The cost of the trip has gone up again from this year which is to be expected I suppose in the current climate. The cost will be £1,440 for children and £1,545 for adults which, whilst is an awful lot of money, remains extremely good value for a first class ski resort at the time of year we will be travelling. This price includes the return flight, fully comprehensive insurance, full board accommodation with en-suite facilities, breakfast, lunch and evening meal in the hotel, ski, boot and helmet hire, 4 hours a day ski instruction for 6 days (children only), ski test and certificate, lift pass and some apres ski activities such as town trail, swimming, ice skating, quiz, bum-boarding, games night and a hoodie (children only). Skibound have tried very hard to keep their prices down, but an increase was inevitable this year. Other school ski trips may be slightly cheaper but that is due to travelling by coach to the destination rather than flying. A 24-hour coach journey is not something we would recommend for younger children.

Currently, £100 is all that is required to secure a place for all children and adults. This deposit is **NON REFUNDABLE**. **Once we have numbers to confirm the trip is going ahead, all instalments must be paid on time, and you will not receive a refund of any payments made if you decide to drop out during the payment schedule.**

During our time at the resort, there is very little opportunity for the children to spend money and the only extra money required will be for drinks and snacks during the day. Therefore, we suggest no more than £80 spending money.

Please note, it is absolutely not compulsory for parents to accompany their child. This is a school trip and school staff will be accompanying the children and have full responsibility for the children during the visit. However, we do open this trip up to parents if they wish to accompany us as it is also an opportunity for them to ski at a very competitive price – many skiing for the first time too! Any parents accompanying the party will be required to complete a DBS check (police check) prior to the visit taking place. Parents will not be permitted to share a room with their children and will be sharing rooms with other parents. If a twin room is requested, this will be at a charge of an additional £180 per room.

I realise that this is a very expensive school residential. Unfortunately, skiing is an expensive hobby. However, many parents have said in the past that they could never afford for the family to go skiing but they wanted their child to have the experience.

If there are insufficient numbers of children from our school wishing to participate in this visit and the trip does not take place, the first deposit of £100 will be refunded. We will inform you once the first date for due deposits

has passed, whether the trip will go ahead. However, I have already had a number of parents approach me who have expressed an interest in the trip so am sure that this will not be an issue.

Please pay the £100 non-refundable deposit by Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2024 on Arbor in order to secure a place on this trip. Thank you. After this date, the schedule of further non-refundable deposits will be communicated to you.

We will hold a meeting on **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April at 6pm** when we will share more information about the trip, photos and videos from this year's visit and we also hope to have a couple of parents who went on this year to share their thoughts and experiences as well.

If you have any further questions about this trip, please do not hesitate to contact me at school or email me at: [j.davis@lanchesterep.net](mailto:j.davis@lanchesterep.net).

Yours sincerely,

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