



November 2023

Headteacher - Patrick Earnshaw

Deputy Headteacher - Mathew Downs

## Ski Trip 2024

Dear Parent

In order to brief you and the students about the demands of the forthcoming ski trip, I have arranged a ski presentation evening for 6.15pm on **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2023**, in the hall. The presentation should last about an hour.

As we notified you earlier this year (March 2023), the ski company 'Interski' has had to pass on a surcharge to reflect the increases in the cost of living including fuel prices, coach hire, hotel costs and food over the past 2 years. As a result of this, they have added a **£64** surcharge payable by 1<sup>st</sup> February 2024. Neither the company nor Highcliffe School take this lightly, however, the company are also bearing a similar increase in cost themselves. I will be happy to discuss this further at the meeting.

During the evening, I will cover all aspects of the trip including travel, organisation, resort details, equipment, clothing and pocket money. **Due to legislation it is necessary for at least one parent and the student to attend this evening in order to receive a full safety briefing.**

We have arranged for Interski Equipment for both rental and sale, to be present. This may save you the expense of buying ski gear that students may well soon grow out of. It might also solve a few Christmas present problems.

For students who have **NOT** skied before, we have arranged an introductory course of four sessions of 45 minutes each at the Snowtrax dry ski slope at Matchams, Christchurch. These sessions make the students familiar with the equipment and will allow them to become proficient enough to then visit the ski slope on their own, as well as making them completely at home on the snow from day one. Parents will need to arrange transport to and from the dry ski slope. The cost of the course will be **£45.00**. Payment should be made using the school's on-line WisePay facility. This will be available from **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2023 at midday**. If we fill the beginners ski lesson, we will add more at a later date. Please make a note of your WisePay receipt reference, as you will need to provide this on the attached consent form. Receipts are generated automatically on WisePay and sent to the email address you supply when making the payment.

Forms must be returned direct to Mr Hallam.

- **Option A** (maximum of 20 students): 5.00pm – 5.45pm  
Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January, Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January, Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January, Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January
- **Option B** (maximum of 20 students): 6.00pm – 6.45pm  
Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January, Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January, Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January, Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January
- **Option C** (maximum of 10 students): 5.00pm – 5.45pm  
Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February, Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February, Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March, Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March
- **Option D** (maximum of 20 students): 6.00pm – 6.45pm  
Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February, Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February, Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March, Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March

Due to the low number of beginners snowboarding we cannot offer snowboarding lessons.

All the ski equipment is provided but the students will need to wear jeans or trousers, long socks and bring a good pair of gloves. Please note that **gloves are vital**. Students should arrive by 4.45pm or 5.45pm respectively to allow time to collect boots & equipment. If you prefer, you may arrange private lessons.

If there is any further information you would like to know please do not hesitate to contact 'the ski team'. Meanwhile I look forward to meeting you at the presentation evening where you will also have the opportunity to raise any questions.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S Hallam', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mr S Hallam  
Director of Learning





STUDENT NAME ..... TUTOR .....

TO BE RETURNED TO MR HALLAM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

PARENTAL CONSENT FORM (for children and young people under the age of 18)			
Event: <b>YEAR 10 PILA SKI TRIP – SKI LESSONS</b>		Date: <b>VARIOUS DATES</b>	
Student Name:			
MEDICAL / EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION			
PRIMARY EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS		ALTERNATIVE EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS	
Name of contact:		Name of contact:	
Contact telephone number:		Contact telephone number:	
Relationship to student:		Relationship to student:	
STUDENT'S MEDICAL INFORMATION			
Please provide detail of all medical conditions and illnesses and any treatments required to maintain health and are significant to this trip			
Asthma or bronchitis	YES / NO	Allergies to any known medication	YES / NO
Heart condition	YES / NO	Any other allergies, e.g. material, food, plasters	YES / NO
Fits, fainting or blackouts	YES / NO	Other illness or disability	YES / NO
Severe headaches	YES / NO	Travel sickness	YES / NO
Diabetes	YES / NO	Regular medication	YES / NO
Allergy Treatment - Anaphylaxis	YES / NO	Allergy Treatment - Histamine	YES / NO
If the answer to any of these questions is YES, please give details:			
SKI LESSON OPTIONS			
1. My child has already skied before on snow and is capable of performing linked snowplough turns.*			
2. Lesson options - <b>Option A</b> ..... <b>Option B</b> ..... <b>Option C</b> ..... <b>Option D</b> ..... (please tick)			
3. I shall be arranging a private introductory skiing course at ..... of at least 3 sessions.*			
<b>* Please delete as appropriate</b>			
TRIP PAYMENT - All trip payments are to be made using WisePay			
I have paid using WisePay and my reference number is .....			
CONSENT DECLARATION			
I have received full details of the event, am satisfied with the arrangements and give consent for my child to take part in the proposed event.			YES / NO
I give consent for him/her to receive emergency medical treatment, including anaesthetic, as considered necessary by any medical doctor present, should the need arise. I have provided detail of all medical conditions and illnesses and any treatments required to maintain health. I give consent for the members of staff to act 'en loco parentis' for the duration of the trip.			YES / NO
I give consent for my child to be photographed during the event and for these photographs to be used in school media.			YES / NO
Any other information that may affect the safety of my child or any other persons and/or the organisation of the event has been provided to the organiser.			YES / NO
Signed:		Print Name:	Date: