

April 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

I have great pleasure in writing to inform you of the details of the 2025 Sweyne Park School ski trip, which will be from 16th to 22nd February 2025.

For the 2025 ski trip we will be travelling with Energy Travel (fully ABTA and ATOL bonded travel company) to the village of Madesimo, Italy. This beautiful area is in the Spluga Valley of the Lombardia region. This will be the first year we have travelled to this resort which has the benefit of being a largely pedestrianised ski resort with the ski lifts being just a few minutes' walk from the hotel. We will stay at the very comfortable Hotel Boscone and enjoy full-board accommodation. There will be multiple beds in each room, although it may be the case that some pupils might have to share "Austrian Twin" beds.

A typical day will involve breakfast at 7.30am, making our way to ski school. There will be a two-hour lesson before lunch and then a further two-hour ski in the afternoon. The pupils will be supervised at all times on the slope by a qualified ski instructor (with first aid qualifications) as well as school staff. Dinner will be served around 6:00pm with après-ski activities from 7.30pm.

The cost of the ski trip will be **£1980**. This includes:

- flights, coach and all associated costs
- full board accommodation
- 5-days fully supervised skiing (4 hours a day)
- fully comprehensive insurance
- ski pass, skis, boots and helmet hire
- evening après ski activities
- Sweyne Park School hooded jumper

The price does **not** include pocket money, ski clothing or drinks with meals other than water, juice or tea and coffee at breakfast.

Please note if your child is 16 or over there will be an additional charge of £13 for air passenger duty (APD).

Safety on all school visits, particularly skiing, is paramount, and pupils need to carefully follow instructions from ski instructors and staff at all times. Skiing is a demanding sport both physically and mentally and although thoroughly enjoyable, it is very challenging. Please ensure you feel that your son/daughter can meet high expectations and is committed to a week's skiing before deciding to apply for a place, so that all concerned will have a safe, enjoyable and rewarding experience.

If you wish your child to be considered for a place on the trip please complete and return the attached parental permission form by Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2024. Please **do not** send money at this stage. If the application is successful, you will receive confirmation and details of £380 deposit which will be due shortly after.

The remaining £1500 will need to be paid by instalments as follows:

- £320 – by 28<sup>th</sup> June 2024
- £320 – by 26<sup>th</sup> July 2024
- £320 – by 27<sup>th</sup> September 2024
- £320 – by 1<sup>st</sup> November 2024
- Final payment of £320 – by 6<sup>th</sup> December 2024

The number of places is limited. When allocating places, we take into consideration the skiing ability of the pupils to ensure the ski groups are of a correct number to meet health and safety considerations. The allocation of places will be finalised after the deadline date for return of parental permission forms and **not** on a first come first served basis. Where appropriate we will consider pupil's effort grades in recent academic monitoring and their commitment to school lessons. A reserve list will also be in place.

Once the places have been confirmed the preferred method of payment is Scopay where parents/families can pay electronically. Full details will be in the confirmation of place letter.

If you have any queries regarding this venture, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

*L Andrew*

**Mr L Andrew**  
Ski Trip Organiser