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Dear Parent

Y10/Y11 French Ski/Study Trip to Les Menuires 2012

I am writing to you regarding the forthcoming ski/study trip to Les Menuires, France. Thank you very much for the final balance payment. Further to the recent information evening, I have summarised below all the items covered particularly for those who were unable to attend the meeting.

Travel Arrangements

Saturday 11 February

- 04:45 Departure time of coach from Solefields Car Park.**
- 05:30 Check-in Gatwick North Terminal.**
- 07:30 Thomson flight TOM4624 departs.**
- 10:30 Arrives Chambéry. Coach transfer to Les Menuires.**
- 11:30 Approximate arrival time in Les Menuires**

Saturday 18 February

- tbc Coach transfer to Chambéry Airport (time tbc).**
- 09:40 Check-in at Chambéry Airport.**
- 11:40 Thomson flight TOM4625 departs.**
- 12:25 Arrives Gatwick North Terminal.**
- 14:30 Approximate arrival time of coach at Solefields Car Park.**

Hotel in Les Menuires

Le Skilt Clubhotel , Avenue de la Croisette, 73440 Les Menuires, France

The Skilt is located in an enviable position in the heart of Les Menuires. Keen skiers can be the first on the slopes each morning, thanks to the hotel's unbeatable direct access to The Three Valleys ski area. The warm hospitable atmosphere is great for groups, with its first floor resident's sun terrace offering superb views of Le Masse Mountain and the surrounding Valleys. This is an ideal spot for any skier or boarder.

Staff Emergency Contact Details

I will be accompanied on the trip by Mr James Emmitt, Mr Sean Holden, Miss Astria Nairn and Mr Pierre Le Yeuch. In an emergency, teachers can be contacted at all times during the trip on the following school mobile numbers: +44 (0)7768 842871, +44 (0)7768 842872, +44 (0)7768 842873.

A 'Typical Day'

- Breakfast will be at 09:00.
- 2 hour ski lesson with an ESF instructor. Pupils will be divided into groups according to ability.
- Hot lunch back at the hotel.
- 2 hour ski lesson with an ESF instructor.
- 1 hour French tuition each day either in the morning or afternoon.
- Free time.
- Supper followed by evening activities at the hotel.

Items of clothing (including helmets)

1 jacket: Wind-proof, breathable snow-proof and warm. The jacket must fit with room for layers underneath.

1 salopettes or skiing trousers: Wind-proof, breathable snow-proof, warm and not too tight.

Layers: Several thin layers. Wear cotton or polyester, avoid wool and nylon.

1 hat: It must cover ears and be tight enough to stay on while skiing.

3 pairs of skiing socks minimum.

1 pair of gloves: Wind-proof, breathable snow-proof and warm.

1 scarf.

1 pair of glasses/goggles.

Sun cream and lip salve.

1 small rucksack for the slopes.

I would like to draw your attention to the wearing of helmets. Although the Ecole de Ski de France advises that the wearing of helmets is 'not compulsory, but highly recommended', I will be insisting that all pupils wear one. I am sure you can appreciate; the safety of your son/daughter is of paramount importance. Unfortunately, helmets cannot be pre-booked in the resort. With this in mind, can I suggest that you hire or purchase one if your son/daughter does not already have one? They are available in a number of ski hire shops and one which definitely has them is Decathlon in Lakeside:

Tunnel Estate Retail Park

Western Avenue

West Thurrock

RM20 3LP

Tel: 01708 895650

Miscellaneous Information

Insurance: Each child will be given a plastic card with the insurance company and policy details. The ski instructor will also have my mobile phone number. I will be contactable at all times during the pupils' ski lesson.

EHIC: For all EU passport holders, please ensure your son/daughter brings their EHIC card with them on the trip.

Visa: The British Council operates a visa-waiver scheme known as the List of Travellers Form for pupils travelling on a non-EU passport within the EU. This will be arranged prior to departure and you need take no further action.

Pocket Money: I would suggest an amount of no more than €100 which should be enough for personal spending on postcards, souvenirs for the family (lucky you!), drinks etc.

I will be writing to you again just prior to departure, in the meantime,

***JOYEUX NOËL ET
BONNE ANNÉE!!!!***

Yours sincerely



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