



Dear Parent/Guardian

October 2020

RE: GORDANO SCHOOL SKI TRIP 2022

I am pleased to announce that I propose to organise the latest in what has been a long line of ski trips at Gordano School, available to students from all year groups. After the cancellation of our planned 2021 ski trip, this 8-day trip is due to take place during half term departing Saturday 19th February 2022.

We totally understand that this is perhaps an uneasy time to be considering travel abroad, however to enable us to secure the best experience for our students in the future, we do need to commence planning now. Of course we are hoping that the world will be in a much better place by 2022 and that this trip will go ahead, however should the published government advice **within one month of the departure date** dictate against travel to Spain, the trip will be immediately cancelled and all monies paid will be fully refunded.

Covid-19: We have ensured our tour operator and their suppliers have comprehensive Covid-19 plans in place to protect our group and minimise any potential risks and they are more than happy to answer any questions or concerns you might have.

Resort: I have made a provisional booking for Masella/La Molina, in northern Spain. This is the same resort that we have visited for the past five years. It has a good snow record and has excellent facilities for hosting a school trip.

Cost: The total cost for this excursion is **£1089.00 per person** based on 40 pupils attending. If we have fewer numbers, there may be a small supplement to this cost.

If you are successful in securing a place for your child, the first instalment of **£95.00 is payable by Friday 18th December 2020**, the second instalment of £80.00 is payable by the 5th March 2020 with the remaining balance of £914.00 payable (in instalments if you wish) by the 22nd October 2021.

The trip includes the following:

1. All travel costs from school to the resort and return by coach
2. Five days hire of skis, boots, poles and helmets
3. Five-day lift pass
4. 5 hours of instruction per day by fully qualified ski instructors
5. Comprehensive winter sports insurance plus ski breakage insurance
6. Snow guarantee (piste closure insurance)
7. Full board accommodation including hot lunch every day at the resort
8. Evening entertainments
9. Ski company representative at resort

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The extras which would incur other costs are:

1. Special clothing such as ski jacket, salopettes, gloves and goggles
2. Snacks and refreshments for the journey
3. Students 18 years and above at the time of travel will be required to pay an additional £50 lift pass supplement as well as provide their own passport

Passport: With present uncertainties surrounding Brexit agreements, I expect that your child will have to travel on their own individual passport rather than a collective arrangement. Please note upon departure all passports must have a minimum of 6 months remaining before the expiry date.

The current European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) will not provide cover after the 31st December 2020, however all students will be covered by our school travel insurance policy which is included in the trip cost. Please note this does not provide cover for lost deposits/payments made towards the trip should your son/daughter decide not to go at a later date.

Behaviour: Your son/daughter will be expected to play his/her part by obeying instructions and a high degree of self-discipline will be required throughout the week. This should ensure full enjoyment for everyone and the probability of similar trips being organised in future.

Please note that it is school policy that pupils who show unacceptable behaviour in school may be excluded from taking part in school trips, visits and activities.

The educational visits organised by this school are an optional but invaluable part of the school's life. This trip has been chosen to ensure that we maximise the educational and social benefits of such a visit. I feel sure that it will prove to be a most valuable and enjoyable experience for those pupils involved and if you have any questions relating to the trip, please do not hesitate to contact me at Gordano School either by telephone or e-mail at: gsmith@gordanoschool.org.uk

If, after reading the above details, you are still keen for your son/daughter to participate in this trip please let me know **via e-mail on or before Friday 8th November 2020**. Once I have collated all the responses, I will then contact you once more to describe the next stage.

Yours faithfully

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