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24 April 2017

Dear Parent/Carer

Ousedale School Ski Trip 2018

Ousedale School is pleased to announce the next annual spring skiing trip; this exciting enrichment opportunity was very successful last year and we are delighted to offer this opportunity to our students again.

This trip will be open to all students from both the Newport Pagnell and Olney campuses.

The trip will be heading back to Austria; we will take 40 + students to the Salzburger Sportwelt Skiing Resorts in the central Austrian Alps. The Salzburger Sportwelt Austria is one of the best skiing locales on the Alps and has a fantastic standard of facilities and accommodation. All ages and standards of skiers are welcome on the trip. This trip will take place during the February half term 2018, departing on Saturday 10th Feb 2018 and returning on Saturday 17th February 2018, meaning students will not miss any school time.

We plan to travel to the resort via coach and ferry; this will require a valid passport that permits travel through Europe. The cost of the trip will be a total of £1057 and is based upon five days skiing with 5 hours of lessons each day. If snowboarding is chosen then there is an extra £40 supplement. The hotel provides breakfast and evening meals and food is provided on the slopes. All skiing equipment is also provided. Full insurance for your child is covered within the cost, as are the travelling expenses; the travel operator for this trip will be IBT Travel.

If you would like to learn more about the trip or have any questions you would like to ask, we will be arranging an evening for parents where we will present a more detailed breakdown of the trip to ensure you are fully informed. We will answer any of your questions at that meeting.

Ousedale School places a strong emphasis on the safety and happiness of its students; as a result, five members of staff will participate in the trip in order to ensure the safety and well-being of your child. The members of staff participating in this ski trip are Mr Trevitt, who will lead the trip, along with Mrs Nute, Miss Radmall, Mr Kong and Mr Platt.

A summary of what is included in the cost of the trip is shown below:

- Return coach and ferry transfer to Satzburger Sportwelt.
- Full board accommodation.
- Lift pass.
- 5 hours ski/board lessons each day.
- Hire of skis or snowboards, boots, poles and safety helmet.
- Full insurance.
- 24 hour emergency service.
- Evening entertainment.

If you would like your son/daughter to participate in this trip please complete the attached consent form and return it with a £265 non-refundable deposit to the Finance office by Friday 29 Sept 2017. Cheques should be made payable to 'Ousedale School Fund' and should have your son's/daughter's name and form group printed on the reverse. You may of course use ParentPay, the internet payment system, however, the consent form must be returned to the Finance Office regardless of the method of payment. A further 2 payments of £265 will be due at end of each month with the final payment in December 2017 of £262 if skiing, or £302 if snowboarding.

Please note: The organisation of a school trip carries considerable responsibilities for school staff. To ensure the school complies fully with the policy approved by the governing body, and meets Insurance and Health and Safety regulations, the following rule applies: **where payment and paperwork is not received in advance of a school trip your child will not be allowed to participate.**

Yours sincerely

Mr K Trevitt
Party Leader

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Please return to the Finance Office along with Consent Form by Friday 6th October 2017

Student's Name: Form Group:

Please indicate below if your son/daughter would like to Ski or Snowboard on the Easter Ski Trip 2018. Further information regarding the trip will follow:

Ski Snowboard

Signed: (Parent/Carer)