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Dear Parent/Carer

Ski Trip 2017 USA

For many years Sackville has organised highly successful ski trips. In 2017 we will be going to Killington, USA as our destination, leaving on Friday 17th February 2017 and departing Boston on Saturday 25th February 2017 to return to Heathrow. This trip is only available to students who will be age 17 or under for the duration of the trip.

We will be staying in the Killington Mountain Resort & Ski Area, a ski resort near Killington, Vermont. It is the largest ski area in the Eastern United States. Located in central Vermont, Killington has 155 trails, 22 lifts, and 1,509 acres extending across six interconnected mountain peaks.

<http://www.killington.com> This website shows what the resort has on offer. Our accommodation for the stay will be at the Comfort Inn at Trolley Square in Rutland, 7 nights half board resort accommodation based on 4 sharing 2 double beds in each room <http://comfortinntrolleysquare.com>

The cost of the trip will be around £1,425; as the trip is being planned in advance it makes the final cost difficult to finalise. This includes flights from London Heathrow to Boston, transfers to and from the resort, 7 days half board, insurance cover, hire of ski equipment (including helmet), lift pass and daily (4 hour) ski lessons with a ski-school instructor. There may be an opportunity for further skiing dependent upon the provision of suitably qualified supervisors. Please note that ski clothing is not included in the total cost. This can be purchased, hired or borrowed from friends or relatives. The only other extra to be budgeted for will be spending money for lunchtime meals, drinks and souvenirs in the resort.

If your child has not skied before they will be expected to attend dry slope ski sessions prior to departure (at a cost of approximately £50).

As the trip is to the USA, students will need to apply for an ESTA (electronic) entry form; currently \$14 and is only valid for two years. If you hold a non UK passport then please check the arrangements with the USA foreign office.

The sum of £1,425 includes an element additional to that required by Equity, our tour company. This will be used to fund a full programme of evening entertainment, administrative charges, and airport transfers to and from Heathrow.

If you would like your child to be considered for the trip, please complete the attached consent form and return it along with a £150 deposit by Friday 13th November 2015 by cheque payable to Sackville School and handed in to Mr Treen. If you do not have a cheque then please contact Mr Treen on ktreen@wsgfl.org.uk

The only occasion when the deposit will be refunded is if the trip is full or does not run.



Places on the trip are limited and, therefore, will be allocated on a 'first come, first served' basis. The second deposit of £150 will be required by 10th December 2015, followed by a final payment of £1,125 by 11th November 2016. Parents might find it easier to set up a payment plan online with the school and pay monthly.

All money forwarded to the tour company is non-refundable.

If you require further information please do not hesitate to contact Mr Treen.

Yours sincerely

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To: Mr K Treen

Please make payments by cheque payable to Sackville School (student's name on the back) or via the online payment system.

I would like my child Form.....
to be considered for the 2017 skiing trip.

I accept that my child's inclusion is dependent on all of the following:

- ♦ attending all ski fitness sessions (unless by prior arrangement with Mr Treen)
- ♦ payments being made on time

I enclose a deposit of £150 which I understand is **non-refundable** and commits my child to the trip. (Should the trip be full, my cheque will be returned.)

I understand that once my child is committed to the trip and money has been forwarded to Equity, the only way that money can be refunded is through insurance for a proven medical condition.

I have read carefully and taken note of all of the above conditions.

Signed Parent/Carer

Date

Email address

My child has the following ski experience: (please circle)

None Green runs Blue runs Red runs Black runs

My child has weeks ski experience.