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Dear Parent/Carer

## Ski Trip to Killington, Vermont, USA – 12<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> February 2021

For many years Sackville has organised highly successful ski trips. In 2021 we will be going to Killington, Vermont, USA, departing from London Heathrow or Gatwick on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February and returning on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2021.

We will be staying in the Killington Mountain Resort & Ski Area, 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. The following website shows what the resort has on offer <a href="http://www.killington.com">http://www.killington.com</a>. Our accommodation will be for 7 nights, half board, at the Comfort Inn at Trolley Square in Rutland <a href="https://www.choicehotels.com/vermont/rutland/comfort-inn-hotels/vt400">https://www.choicehotels.com/vermont/rutland/comfort-inn-hotels/vt400</a>, based on 4 sharing 2 double beds in each room.

The cost of the trip will be approximately £1,560 for students who will be under the age of 16 and £1,660 for students who are over the age of 16 at the time of travel. As the trip is being planned so much in advance it makes the final cost difficult to calculate. This amount includes flights from London Heathrow/Gatwick to Boston, transfers to and from the resort, 7 days half board, insurance cover, hire of ski equipment (including helmet), lift pass and daily (5 hour) ski lessons with a ski-school instructor. There may be an opportunity for further skiing dependent upon the provision of suitably qualified supervisors. In addition we will have the opportunity to spend 3-4 hours shopping at the outlets near Boston. 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. Insurance for all school trips is arranged through West Sussex County Council. Full details of the policy can be found on our website at <a href="https://sackville.w-sussex.sch.uk/parents/school-trip-insurance/">https://sackville.w-sussex.sch.uk/parents/school-trip-insurance/</a>.

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 which is only valid for two years. If you hold a non UK passport then please check the arrangements with the US Embassy.

The sum of £1,560 for under 16s or £1,660 for over 16s 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/Gatwick.

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  $7^{th}$  June 2019. This can be by cheque, made payable to Sackville School and handed in to the finance office, or the online payment system. Places on the trip are limited; if the trip is oversubscribed there will be a ballot.















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The only occasion when the deposit will be refunded is if the trip is full or does not run. In the unlikely event that a student has to be removed from the visit due to poor behaviour, we reserve the right not to refund the cost associated with this visit.

The first payment of £150 will be required by  $21^{st}$  June 2019, followed by a final payment of £1,260 for under 16s or £1,360 for over 16s by  $11^{th}$  November 2020. You may find it easier to set up a payment plan online with the school and pay £74.11 monthly based on the under 16 price OR £80 per month for students who would be over the age of 16 during the experience.

## 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

Mr K Treen **Party Leader**ktreen@sackvilleschool.org.uk















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To: Mr K Treen

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Please make payments by cheque payable to Sackville School (student's name on the back) or via the online payment system.
Name of student Form
I would like my child to be considered for the 2021 ski trip to Killington, Vermont, USA.
I accept that my child's inclusion is dependent on <u>all</u> of the following:
<ul> <li>attending all ski fitness sessions (unless by prior arrangement with Mr Treen)</li> <li>payments being made on time</li> </ul>
I enclose a deposit of £150/I have paid £150 online (please delete as appropriate)
I understand this amount is <b>non-refundable</b> 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.
Parent/Carer (please sign)
Parent/Carer (please print)
Date
Email address
My child has the following ski experience (please circle)



None



Green runs

My child has ...... weeks ski experience.



Blue runs



Red runs





Black runs