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Dear Parent/Carer

## Ski Trip to Killington, Vermont, USA - Friday 15th to Saturday 23rd February 2019

For many years Sackville has organised highly successful ski trips. In 2019 we will be going to Killington, Vermont, USA, departing from London Heathrow on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2019 and returning on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2019.

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="http://comfortinntrolleysquare.com">http://comfortinntrolleysquare.com</a>, based on 4 sharing 2 double beds in each room.

The cost of the trip will be approximately £1,500 for students who will be under the age of 16 and £1,600 for students who are over the age of 16 at the time of travel. 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. In addition we will have the opportunity to spend 3-4 hours in Boston to go shopping and do a little sight-seeing. 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="http://www.sackville.w-sussex.sch.uk/?page\_id=26728">http://www.sackville.w-sussex.sch.uk/?page\_id=26728</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 £1,500 for under 16's or £1,600 for over 16's 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  $10^{th}$  November 2017. This can be by cheque, made payable to Sackville School and handed in to the finance office, or the online payment system.

# 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  $1^{st}$  December 2017, followed by a final payment of £1,200 by  $9^{th}$  November 2018. You may find it easier to set up a payment plan















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online with the school and pay £109.09 monthly based on the under 16 price OR £118.18 per month for students who would be over the age of 16 at the time of travel.

#### 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	Mr D Hayden <b>Assistant Party Leader</b> <u>dhayden@sackvilleschool.org.uk</u>				
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.					
Name of student	Fo	orm			
I would like my child to be considered for the 2019 ski trip to Killington, Vermont, USA.					

### I accept that my child's inclusion is dependent on <u>all</u> 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.

Parent/Carer (please sign)						
Parent/Carer (please print)						
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.						











