

Our Ref TO/CP/Trips

2nd February 2012

Dear Parent/Guardian,

As part of the enrichment programme at Whitcliffe Mount, we are offering a ski trip during the Easter holiday 2013 to Saas Fee in Switzerland. Many people will never have the opportunity to realise the fantastic experience of skiing, particularly on snow.

Ski trips can be expensive, with lift passes, equipment hire and insurance to pay for on top of the normal continental travel, food and accommodation, and we have worked hard to offer a value for money, full programme for the week to the pupils.

The ski visit will be open to all pupils joining year 7, 8 and 9 at Whitcliffe Mount in September 2012. The cost is **£840**; this includes coach and Eurostar travel (no ferry crossing) to and from Switzerland, accommodation, food, ski lessons, ski lift pass (for the whole mountain range) and hire of skis/poles/ski boots. Breakfast and an evening meal will be provided at the hotel and a packed lunch will be provided on the slopes. Drinks other than with meals will need to be paid for, as will food on the journey to and from Switzerland. Ski wear is cheaper and more readily available nowadays, but can also be hired prior to the visit.

The children will ski for 6 days and will be taught by fully qualified Ski Gower instructors who will remain with our party for the duration of the visit. The instructors have worked with me on the trips that I have run with West End, they are technically excellent, very friendly and patient. The children will be working in groups of a maximum of 10 per instructor, plus one member of school staff, and will receive certificates at our presentation night from Ski Gower. The resort is excellent for all ability ranges with nursery slopes for complete beginners to black runs and a fun park for the more advanced. Saas Fee is a high altitude resort and snow conditions should be excellent.

We will stay at the Heino Hotel in Saas Grund. The rooms are 2/3 bed en-suite. Local facilities include a disco, pizzeria/ice cream, DVD room, table football, bowling and a pool table. Various evening entertainment will be arranged in resort for the ultimate action packed week!

We will depart on **Friday 29th March** 2013 and will arrive back during the afternoon of **Saturday 6th April**. The journey takes approximately 22 hours each way.

Further details, video and pictures are available on the school website:
www.whitcliffemount.co.uk/information/extra_curricular_activities/.

Due to the unique circumstances of this transition to Whitcliffe Mount from 4 middle schools, we have made arrangements to ensure that pupils from all the schools have the same access.

Pupil numbers are limited on this trip, so a further letter will be distributed to interested pupils on the same day in all the middle schools in early March with a reply slip and information on paying the first deposit. Places will be allocated on a first come-first served basis. To this end, I have asked the staff at the various middle schools to time and date stamp each reply.

Interest has been high in the past and places may well go the next day, so please take your time now to digest the information and ask any questions that you feel are pertinent. You can email me at craig.tyson@edukirklees.net if you have any pressing questions before committing. Please do not send any confirmation letters or money before receiving the next letter.

We reserve the right to refuse giving places to pupils who we feel do not comply with school procedures.

Yours sincerely,

Mr C Tyson
Ski Trip Organiser

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Further to my letter regarding the ski trip at Whitcliffe Mount next Easter, I am writing now to open up the offer to your child.

Details of the trip are as follows:

- Tour Operator - Ski Gower
- Resort - Saas Fee/Saas Grund, Switzerland
- Departure Date - Friday 29th March 2013
- Return Date - Saturday 6th April 2013
- Cost - £840

What's included in the price?

- Return transport by luxury coach and Eurostar train
- Full board accommodation in Switzerland
- 6 days ski, boot and pole hire, overnight lockers
- 6 days lift pass
- 6 days ski/snowboard course – full time British instruction
- Fully comprehensive travel insurance
- Services of a Gower Ski Tour manager
- Evening entertainment (some optional choices may incur a small cost)

Payment Schedule:

- First deposit £75 - Friday 23rd March 2012
(however, places are first come-first served)
- Second deposit £125 - Friday 25th May 2012
- Final full payment - Friday 12th January 2013

Please be reminded that places will be allocated on a first come-first served basis and are subject to the school's policies on behaviour. To this end, I have asked the staff at the various middle schools to time and date stamp each reply. Pupils will be placed on a reserve list for deposits received after we have reached our limit. I will contact these parents after speaking to the ski company.

Yours sincerely

Mr C Tyson
Ski Trip Organiser

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To Mr. C. Tyson, Whitcliffe Mount Business and Enterprise College
(Please hand these slips and the deposit into your child's middle school office)

I give permission for my child to take part in the Ski trip – Easter 2013:

Child's Name Current School.....

I enclose a deposit of £75.00 (cheques to be made payable to Whitcliffe Mount School).

SignedParent/Guardian

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