

The Sir John Colfox Academy



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Headteacher: Mr Adam Shelley MEd, BSc Hons, PGCE, NPQH

24 January 2020

Ski Trip 2020 Final Information

Dear Parent

We have now received the final details about travel arrangements from PGL and so we are able to confirm these with you. This letter will be the last information you will receive before we depart! As half term draws nearer, I know all those going are getting excited. The snow report in our resort is excellent so we are in for a great week.

This letter will provide you with the final tour information including confirmed travel times and final kit information. As we near the departure date please can you ensure your child's passport and European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) are given to Mr Bartlett by Friday 31st January.

Departure Day

Friday 14 February 2020 – Mr Shelley has agreed that all students can come to school in the clothing that they will travel in. Students should be in school for registration and they will be directed to take their luggage to a secure area (TBC). Students to begin collecting their luggage from locked room and boarding coach at 2.30pm.

15.05 Friday 14 February 2020 – Coach departure Sir John Colfox Academy.

22.05 Friday 14 February 2020 – P&O Ferry Crossing

00:35 Friday 14 February 2020 – Arrive in Calais.

16:35 Saturday 15 February 2020 – Arrive in resort – Salzburger Sportswelt.

The coaches we are travelling on are provided by Bluebirds Coaches and will be fitted with seat belts; these must be worn at all times during travel. Our drivers will be with us for the whole week and it is important that we make a good impression as it helps the holiday enormously having happy drivers! If you have any suitable (12 or PG) DVD's for the coach, please bring them with you as it makes the journey go more quickly if we have entertainment (make sure they are labelled).



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Return time:

17.15 Saturday 22 February 2020 – This is an estimated return time to Colfox and you will be kept updated once we have arrived back in the UK.

Luggage

Each student will need one piece of main luggage, preferably a soft zip up type bag and a rucksack for the coach. Please encourage students to pack their own bags as they will then hopefully recognise their own clothing (please make sure that everything is clearly labelled). One addition to the original packing list would be for students to bring some slippers/indoor footwear for when they are moving around in the hotel.

We expect many of the students will be bringing mobile phones and other portable technology to entertain themselves with on the coach journeys. Please be aware though that students bring these devices at their own risk throughout the trip.

Students should take their ski jackets with them on the coach to use as a blanket along with a pillow; jumper; gloves; hat; their toothbrush (and paste!) and ski socks for when we arrive in resort so ski fitting can be completed swiftly. Each student will be given a luggage label in the final meeting at school. It is important they attend this meeting and they need to keep an eye on the student bulletin (displayed on corridor TV screens for where and when this is).

Staff contact details

Mr Bartlett Email: BartlettN@colfox.dorset.sch.uk

Other staff on the trip:

Miss Attwell, Miss Barraclough, Mr Morse, Mr Hobby, Mrs David, Mrs Tuck, Mrs Winters-O'Brien, Mr Williams and Mrs Turner.

Prior to departing each student will be given an emergency contact card with numbers they are to call in the event of an emergency. When they are on the slopes there will be one member of staff with each group at all times during the day and students will have received clear instruction on what to do in the event of an emergency. In the evenings if we leave the hotel to go into the local town, students will have to go around in minimum groups of four. Please rest assured that significant risk assessment procedures have been followed in the planning of this trip and in conjunction with PGL, our transport provider and our hotel.

Spending Money

This is of course a personal choice on how much to take. We recommend approximately £10-20 (certainly no more) as a suitable amount of spending money for each day plus some extra for food whilst we are travelling. Students will be able to buy a meal or snacks in service stations and we will make a stop for breakfast on both the outward and return journeys; some small change will be required in French and Austrian service stations if students want to use the toilet facilities.

The trip is full board and apart from snacks/drinks bought in resort and any gifts they want to buy, extra money should not be required. Any money not required for the journey will be looked after by Miss Barraclough who will be our 'banker' for the trip. Please ensure that money is handed to Mr Bartlett by Tuesday 11 February 2020. Please place the money in an envelope marked with your child's name and the amount of money. The money will be locked away (we have access to a safe) whilst in resort and will then be issued as required. The currency in Austria is Euros.



Medication

You have all completed a Parental Consent Form giving us permission to administer Paracetamol or Ibuprofen to your child whilst we are away. We will be taking a small amount of this medication with us. If your child requires personal medication, please place it in an envelope clearly marked with their name and any instructions and hand to Mr Bartlett (First Aider for the trip) by Tuesday 11th February. Medication such as asthma inhalers or travel sickness pills do not need to be handed in but staff will need to be informed when they are taken.

Accommodation

Jugendhotel Oberwimm is our hotel and it sleeps students in rooms of 4-7. We are yet to receive the final room plan but where possible students will be placed with their friends, as requested. We will ask students to respect the final room allocation they are given. It will not be possible to meet everyone's exact preference but we will do our best.

Hotel number: +43 6413 /8575

Hotel email: office@oberwimm.com

Behaviour

We are lucky to have assembled a great group of students for this trip. Whilst your child is with us we are of course responsible for them at all times. We have 81 students in our care and we want to make sure that the trip is enjoyable for everyone, it therefore imperative their behaviour is impeccable at all times. It is of paramount importance that students obey any safety instructions given by staff and all adults they deal with in resort including PGL Reps and Ski instructors. Failure to follow instructions will result in a loss of ski time and any serious breaches of our behaviour code could result in the student being escorted home.

A lunchtime meeting will be taking place in the next two weeks to confirm room allocations, seating arrangements/plan for the coach journey and to go through the PGL Code of Conduct and cover any last-minute plans for the trip. We have hopefully covered all the information that you will need; however, if there is any further information that you require about the trip, please contact myself.

And finally!

Here's hoping that everyone enjoys an injury free few weeks before we leave. Many students did take up the opportunity to do some dry slope lessons. If you have not done this already then it is probably best left for now. It is also not a great time to take up ice skating, free running, boxing, rugby or anything else that might lead to injury!

Yours sincerely

Nathan Bartlett
Trip Leader

