



The Sutton Academy

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Principal: Mr Paul Willerton

Dear Parent/Carer

September 2021

Ski Trip – February half term 2022 – Bardonecchia, Italy

We are very much looking forward to taking the students skiing this academic year and I wanted to make you aware of some further information:

Payments and cancellations

Please ensure that you are keeping up with regular payments towards the ski trip. **The full balance needs to be paid by 29 November 2021.**

This is also another opportunity for me to re-iterate the cancellation policy set out by Halsbury; once you have paid your deposit if you choose to withdraw your child from the trip you will be liable to pay 50% of the invoiced trip price up until 1 November 2021 and 75% of the invoiced price up until two weeks before departure.

Passports

Please ensure that your child has a valid passport to travel and renew the passport if there is not enough time left on it. Now that the UK is no longer a member of the EU, all passengers must have at least six months remaining on their passport from the date of arrival, otherwise they may be refused entry.

Parents information evening

Once we have some further details on the travel itinerary I will be organising a parent's information evening to go through this in more depth and detail.

Ski clothing

The resort will provide your son/daughter with skis, ski boots and a helmet. Outlined below are the essential items your child needs to be able to go out onto the slopes. I have also attached an overview document of other suggested items of clothing.

- **Hat, ski gloves, goggles & sunglasses**
- **2 pairs of ski socks**
- **Sun cream & lip balm**
- **Saloppes/ ski trousers, ski jacket**
- **Base layers – polo necks, under armour, thermals. (instead of thick jumpers)**
- **Small back pack – to keep packed lunch and spare equipment.**

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Ski fit and ski ability details

As ski schools and ski rental shops require information about the group in advance of their arrival, we also require you to identify the ski ability of your child, along with height, weight, shoe size and head circumference. (Please see attached guidance about identifying ski ability)

The link to submit these details is below and I would ask you to complete this by 24 September 2021.

<https://forms.office.com/r/rfJwHMSqMY>

Kind regards.

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DETERMINING YOUR SKI LEVEL

Ability: **B = Beginner** **L = Lower Intermediate** **I = Intermediate** **U = Upper Intermediate** **E = Expert**

You discover skiing for the very first time or you don't feel confident enough yet to ski on your own. Please consider a few hours practice on dry slopes to 0 week practice as experience on a different gliding surface will surprise the beginners.

(0 week practice, absolute beginner)

Please indicate "B" for your ski level

You can ski or snowboard confidently on any kind of slope of the ski area, even if you feel a bit less at ease on difficult slopes (moguls, ice, powder snow...)

(5 - 10 weeks practice, upper intermediate)

Please indicate "U" for your ski level

You can go down green slopes with confidence and even certain blue ones. You begin to master your speed and control your skis.

(Less than 3 weeks practice, lower intermediate)

Please indicate "L" for your ski level

Your experience allows you to adapt your technique to all situations: steep slopes, moguls, different kinds of snow, off-piste etc. You can link carving turns and big turns on any kind of terrain.

(More than 10 weeks practice, expert)

Please indicate "E" for your ski level

You master your speed and control your skis on blue slopes. You can go down red slopes when they are even but have more difficulty when there are moguls

(3 - 5 weeks practice, intermediate)

Please indicate "I" for your ski level



SKI TRIP PACKING CHECKLIST



Essentials

- Passport
- EHIC Card
- Medication
- Camera
- Phone
- Chargers
- Memory Cards
- Plug Adaptor (two pin Europlug)
- Day Bag / Rucksack

Personal

- Wash Kit (inc. lip balm and moisturiser)
- Towel
- Travel Sickness Medication
- Water Bottle
- Sunglasses
- Sunscreen
- Notebook
- Pens / Pencils

Ski Clothing

- Thermal Top
- Thermal Underwear
- Tube Socks
- Fleece
- Salopettes
- Ski Jacket
- Waterproof Gloves
- Scarf or buff
- Woolly Hat
- Goggles



Other Clothing

- Walking Boots
- Warm Coat
- T-Shirt
- Trousers
- Warm Layers
- Underwear (inc. normal socks)
- Swimming Costume / Trunks

Handy Things

- Plastic Bags
- Tissues
- Wet Wipes
- Hand Sanitiser



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