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Dear Parents & Children in years 4, 5 and 6.

As you may know, we have, in previous years, organised a ski trip to Le Corbier in France. The trips are thoroughly enjoyed by everyone attending. The children develop their skiing fantastically and are always very well behaved. We receive compliments from members of the public, hotel staff and guests and the ski instructors.



The children who are able to go on the trip certainly gained in many areas; of course they improve their skiing tremendously but also develop their organisational and social skills and independence.

We have reserved places to Le Corbier for April 2017. The dates of the trip fall within the Easter holidays, in order that it does not have any impact on the normal timetable within school.

I would certainly fully recommend the trip as it is a great opportunity to develop the children's skiing, and also their social skills. You may have read the newsletter detailing the 2015 trip but you may ask children who have attended previously (and their parents), look at previous trip photos and videos (on our website) or see me to find out more.

Le Corbier is a purpose built ski village offering high quality skiing with a superb snow record. It is suitable for all levels of skier. Beginners have plenty of easy slopes on good snow whilst intermediate and advanced skiers can experience huge mileage and variety. We have been to this resort for a number of years and have found it to be excellent. The British run hotel is run by 'Ski Equity' and has a brilliant position with the piste right outside the back door (we can ski to and from lessons). The village is small and pedestrianised which is ideal for a school party like ours. It is a safe, quiet, small hotel and all the children's rooms are contained on the 1st and 2nd floor. All the staff in the hotel are British and the food is tailored specifically for school groups. Children's safety and wellbeing is our highest priority on the trip and we always act in "Loco Parentis" where the adults in the group take on some of the responsibilities as a "parent" and make decisions which are always in the best interest of the child.

Children will have four hours per day in ski school for the six days we are there and additionally they will participate in a variety of activities run by the staff, e.g. disco, karaoke, games, talent show, ice-skating, and swimming. Please note the children will need to travel on their own passports, but we will pass on details regarding this towards the end of this academic year.

The trip is from **Saturday 8 April 2017 – Saturday 15 April 2017 (Easter holidays)**. Skiers amongst you will note that this is late in the season but we have snow insurance which means if the snow cover in

the resort is not great, then we have the option to be moved to another school ski resort. However, I have spoken to the ESF in Le Corbier and they assure me that the conditions are normally good in April and the resort is very quiet.

The cost is anticipated to be £915 and included in this is a total of 24 hours ski instruction in ski school, comprehensive lift pass, equipment hire, the flights, hotel accommodation and food (full board) and the highest level of insurance. There is a slight chance it may alter slightly (down or up) dependent on the number of children who go on the trip.

Please consider if you wish your child to come skiing. Having taken schools on many ski trips I have found it to be an excellent experience for children of all ages. Please bear in mind that the children will be older than they are now and will have developed many new skills by then, including increased maturity and independence. I will hold an information meeting for parents who are considering the trip and will post the date on the school newsletter shortly after I have gauged the response. Finer details about the trip will be given once I have an idea of numbers.

The deposit is non-refundable once firm bookings are made but if the trip does not go ahead due to numbers, of course your money will be returned to you.

Trip Details

Resort:	Le Corbier, France
Hotel:	Le Mont Corbier
Departure Date:	Saturday 8 April 2017
Return date:	Saturday 15 April 2017
Flight:	From Manchester to Grenoble
Cost:	£915 (estimated – may go slightly down or up depending on numbers)

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to speak to Mrs Brew (Year 3 Form Teacher), who will be leading this 2017 trip

Yours sincerely



Mrs J Callaway
Headteacher

**Please return this slip by
Wednesday 23rd November with a £200 deposit**



I am interested in my child attending the 2017 school ski trip to Le Corbier. I enclose a £200 non refundable deposit. (will be refunded if the trip does not go ahead)

Signed: Print Date: