

26<sup>th</sup> February 2018

Dear Parent/Guardian

## Ski Trip 2019

We are organising a skiing trip to Voss, Norway during February Half term 2019. Skiing offers many qualities and experiences to pupils. Not only will they have an opportunity to learn or improve skiing skills, they will also learn to appreciate and respect a different culture, a new environment and the importance of working and living together.

I have booked with a company called Voss ski, in partnership with Dawson and Sanderson.

The cost of the visit is £965 and this price will include:-

1. Return flights Newcastle to Bergen and coach transfers to and from resort (great reduction in usual travel time)
2. 7 nights Full Board Accommodation
3. Fully comprehensive travel insurance including medical, redundancy cover, travel delay
4. Ski lessons – 24 hours of ski tuition (4 hours per day)
5. Resort lift pass for 6 days
6. Hire of skis, boots, poles and helmets for 6 days
7. In resort customer service representative
8. Evening entertainment
9. School hooded top

Extra costs that you will incur independently are: purchase or hire of ski suit, goggles, gloves, ski socks, sun cream, lip balm and thermals. A small amount of spending money for: snacks whilst there, food in the airport and souvenirs.

There will be a parents' evening nearer the time of the trip which will be attended by representatives from both the tour company and a ski clothing hire company who will provide useful information and the opportunity to place orders for suitable clothing and accessories if needed.

A deposit of £100 is required to reserve a place on the trip. This is to be paid by Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March. Information about further payments will be given once deposits have been paid. Please note that, once made, payments to the tour company are non-refundable. Please provide a photocopy of child's valid passport and EHIC card as soon as possible.

**If you would like your child to take part in the skiing trip, please pay your deposit via Parent Pay and complete the reply slip below and return it to school as soon as possible as places are limited (maximum 40) and will be offered on a first come first served basis.**

We are pleased to inform you that Cardinal Hume Catholic School now has the facility to accept online payments for trips and other school activities. Using a secure website called ParentPay you are able to pay online using your credit or debit card. This can be accessed from the School website and you will by now, have received your ParentPay log in. If you are unable to locate this, please contact the school office for assistance.

Making a payment using your credit or debit card is straightforward. Your card details are not retained by the school. ParentPay holds an electronic record of all online payments for you to view at a later date. When you make a payment, an e-mail confirmation is sent to you, giving you reassurance that the transaction has been successful.

As a reminder please follow instructions below:

**Once you have your login details, the system is quick and easy to use:**

- Visit [www.parentpay.com](http://www.parentpay.com/) (<http://www.parentpay.com/>)
- Enter your activation username and password in the Account Login section of the homepage. N.B. These are for one-time use only, you will choose your own username and password for future access during the activation process.
- Provide all the necessary information and choose your new username and password for your account – registering your email address will enable us to send you receipts and reminders.
- Once activation is complete you can go straight to Items for payment, select which item(s) you want to add to your basket and proceed to complete your payment.

We thank you in advance for your support in using this service to pay for your child's educational visit.

Please note that the school reserves the right to refuse pupils permission to take part on the ski trip and that bringing a first deposit in will not guarantee your child a place until it has been agreed by staff.

May I also take this opportunity to remind all parents that it is crucial that those students participating in the trip can be trusted to behave in a responsible and mature way. As the leader of the visit, I have to be confident that those taking part do not jeopardise the safety and enjoyment of the trip for others. Students are also reminded that they will be representing the school during the visit, and it is therefore essential that they behave appropriately. With this in mind, I will be closely monitoring the behaviour in school of those students involved in the visit. If any student is considered to have the potential to jeopardise the success of the visit, then I am afraid that they will be unable to participate and their places will be offered to other students and deposits will not be refunded.

Yours faithfully

Miss S. Lawson  
Party Leader

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**REPLY SLIP – SKI TRIP 2019**

I, Parent/Guardian of ..... Tutor.....

hereby give permission for my son/daughter to attend the Ski trip to Norway during February half term 2019.

I enclose £100/I have paid on ParentPay the deposit to reserve a place for my child.

Signed: ..... Date: .....

Relationship to pupil: .....