

Dear «salutation»

Idsall School Ski Trip 2018: «forename» «surname»

I would like to invite you to an information meeting on:

Wednesday 29th November at 6.00pm in the school hall

The meeting should take no longer than an hour and the purpose is to ensure pupils have suitable clothing and equipment for the trip, however if your child has skied with us before then there is clearly no need for you to attend this meeting.

Ski clothing and equipment:

It is imperative that pupils wear suitable clothes for skiing. We can offer you the opportunity to hire or buy clothing and essentials through a company called "Sub 32". To place an order with the company please visit their website www.sub32.com and view/order items as and when you would like to.

Whilst you do not have to make use of this scheme, we would like to tell you about the equipment necessary for the trip before you make any expensive purchases. You may well have access to clothing from other sources; but it is in everyone's best interests that we explain what is needed to ensure that the children are safe and comfortable in the mountain environment.

Helmets:

It is now a condition of our insurance and a county policy that all pupils wear helmets whilst skiing and the cost of this is included in the tour price. If you do not require this service because you are taking your own helmet, please advise me in writing prior to the meeting and be aware that the airline has a strict baggage allowance, therefore all items must fit into one medium size suitcase and be within the weight restriction.

Passports:

Please check that passports and EHIC cards are valid for the dates of travel. We should have everyone's passport details now, but if there are to be any changes please let us know prior to, or at the meeting.

Ski slope visits:

It is essential that all pupils, who have not skied before, visit the dry ski slope before the trip. This enables them to learn the basics about putting on ski boots, learning how to walk in them (not an easy task!) and to try moving about on skis. This means that they do not waste time on the first days we are in resort and consequently progress a lot quicker. We are in the process of arranging the dates for the trips to Madeley ski slope; information and cost will be available at the meeting.

Insurance:

Insurance is included, but I have been told by the Insurance Company that if a pupil has to travel to hospital or to the Doctor's surgery by taxi, the cost is not covered by Insurance. We will need to ask you for reimbursement on our return. If they go by ambulance, the cost will be covered. I enclose a summary page from the company regarding the insurance cover; please check that it meets all your requirements.

