



# Berwick Middle School

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Dear Parents

## Proposed Berwick Middle School Ski Venture 2019

Many parents will be aware that school has had a tradition of taking pupils skiing in Europe. We have recently returned from another very successful skiing venture to Aosta, Italy and parents are already asking about school skiing in 2019. At present we are making provisional bookings, however at this early stage, we need to gain an idea of possible numbers. In the past details have been as below, and we hope to provide a similar package for 2019, however if this is to change we will let you know.

### What's included:

- Return coach travel from Berwick with breakfast included on both the outbound and return journeys.
- Hot lunch on arrival in Pila.
- Four hours ski instruction per day with qualified ski school instructors.
- Fully supervised hot lunches every day at mountain restaurants.
- A full evening entertainment programme which may include ten-pin bowling, ice skating, pizza evening, disco and ski certificate presentation evening.
- Fully comprehensive winter sports insurance and Northumberland County Council insurance.
- Six days full area lift pass.
- Six days top quality ski equipment hire (skis, boots and ski poles)
- Private facilities in hotel rooms.
- Continental breakfast and three-course evening meals.
- Ski tests, badges and certificates
- Professional instruction and transport to a dry ski slope for beginners only.
- Cost of the collective passport.

### What's not included;

- Pocket money.
- Ski clothing/helmet – this need not be expensive to buy and we will arrange for pupils to hire suitable clothing if they should require it. 2017 price to hire clothing and helmet was £35.
- Lunch and evening meal on outbound journey.
- Lunch on return journey.

### What to do now

The venture is initially open to Berwick Middle School pupils currently in Year 5, 6 and 7. Initial pricing seems to indicate the cost will be in the region of £900. Alpine skiing is not cheap, however, as you can see from what is included, the value for money is exceptional. This is paid via a payment plan and in smaller monthly instalments over 15 months allowing it to be more manageable. We will write to you with details of further payment instalments required and by when in September, but the balance will need to be paid in full by November 2018.

At this early stage we ask that you merely consider this opportunity and if you are interested in reserving a place for your child, please email [susan.mccreath-bird@berwick.northumberland.sch.uk](mailto:susan.mccreath-bird@berwick.northumberland.sch.uk) by Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September. Please **DO NOT** send any money into school. There will be approximately 40 places for pupils and when we know there is sufficient interest, we will write confirming places and ask for an initial non-refundable deposit of around £100.00. Places will be filled on first come first serve basis.

Yours sincerely

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Ski Trip Co-Ordinator



