

19th April 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

SKI TRIP 2025

Following our hugely successful trip to Folgarida in the Easter break just gone and the overwhelming demand last year for this trip I am pleased to announce another ski trip to Folgarida, Italy in April 2025. This will be a fantastic opportunity to enjoy adventurous outdoor winter sports. We will leave the school site on Saturday 5th April 2025 and return to the school site on Saturday 12th April 2025. This trip is open to students in Year 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12. We have a capacity of 90 students for this trip and therefore if demand exceeds capacity, then a random draw of names will be used again to determine places. Behaviour and school attendance will also be used to determine suitability for this trip.

Folgarida is an attractive, purpose-built resort in the Italian Dolomites, with skiing linked to the network of slopes above Madonna di Campiglio. The village consists of several districts, and from each district there is a lift leaving the extensive ski area where you will find plenty of beautiful ski runs through the trees. Due to its high location and the many snow cannons, it is a very snow sure area.

We will again be staying at The Hotel Della Torre. This hotel is nestled into the slopes of the Folgarida ski area and therefore offers ski in/ski out access. Beginners will not be able to ski in or out of the hotel and will have a 5–10 minute walk to the slopes. However, after 3-4 days, they should be able to ski in and out.

Included in the trip cost are:

- Return flights and coach transfers.
- Full board accommodation from evening meal on Day 1 to breakfast on last day. For this trip we will be taking advantage of having a provided packed lunch each day so that more of the ski area can be accessed and this will prevent the need to walk back to the hotel at lunchtime each day.
- An evening entertainment package including a trip to the local pizzeria and a disco.
- Ski tuition, 5 hours each day for 6 days.
- Skiing equipment and helmet hire for 6 days.
- Ski lift pass for 6 days for both the Folgarida and Madonna di Campiglio ski areas meaning that there will be a total of 155km of slopes available. We previously only had the Folgarida area to ski.
- Local tourist tax and airline passenger duty.
- School payment transaction charges.

The cost of the trip is £1399.00. We are aware that this is not an inexpensive trip, however, skiing during a 'peak' week of the season is always costly and this really is an all-inclusive trip. We will be able to take advantage of an additional day of skiing due to fact that we will be travelling by air and avoiding two 26-hour coach journeys. This unfortunate price increase from the 2024 trip is due to inflation at home and abroad.

We are organising this trip with a reputable school ski trip provider, 321-Ski. This company is made up of former teachers and they specialise in offering trips that cater solely for schools. The company are ATOL and ABTA registered and therefore this trip is protected to the same level as any other holiday.

The payment structure for the trip is outlined below:

Payment	Due Date	Amount
1 st Payment (1 st Deposit)	05 th May 2024	£200
2 nd Payment (2 nd Deposit)	31 st May 2024	£200
1st Instalment	30 th June 2024	£150
2nd Instalment	31 st July 2024	£150
3rd Instalment	31 st August 2024	£150
4th Instalment	30 th September 2024	£150
5th Instalment	31 st October 2024	£150
6th Instalment	30 th November 2024	£150
7th Instalment (FINAL)	31 st December 2024	£99
		Total - £1399

Please be aware that the initial £200 deposit in **non-refundable** when your child's place is confirmed. If, for any reason, your child can no longer attend the trip after confirmation, you will receive a refund of all money paid minus this non-refundable deposit if their place can be re-allocated. If, for any reason, your child's place needs to be cancelled as it is not possible to be re-allocated, the first and second deposit is non-refundable if this is done more than 84 days before departure date. Any cancellations closer to departure dates will incur additional charges. Please see the ski company's full T&C's here: www.321ski.co.uk/downloads/termsandconditions321ski2.pdf (Section 6)

The cost of the trip does not include ski clothing. Your child will need a ski jacket/warm coat, salopettes, thermal clothing for under their ski clothes, ski socks, ski goggles/glasses and ski gloves. They will also need suitable casual clothing whilst in the hotel, toiletries and roughly 10 euros per day spending money. This spending money is an optional extra. There is a small shop in the resort that students can buy snacks and drinks from throughout the week. Only water is provided at mealtimes and therefore other drinks will incur a charge.

I have also created a video which I hope is slightly more informative than this letter which outlines some of the aspects of the trip. Please feel free to view this here: [Folgarida 2025 Ski Trip Information \(youtube.com\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=folgarida2025)

We will be offering all complete beginners the opportunity of a brief lesson at Milton Keynes Snozone. The purpose of this is to get familiarised with skis and boots prior to the trip. This brief lesson will consist of an equipment fit and basic introduction to skiing. This will hopefully maximise the time we have out there as students will have at least some understanding already. The additional cost of this is roughly £25 (TBC) and this will take place in January or February 2025. More details will be provided nearer the time.

If you would like your child to participate in this exciting opportunity, please can you complete the Microsoft form here: <https://forms.office.com/e/2EdgZ1RbCj> to register your interest by Friday 26th April 2024. Contact will then be made on Monday 29th April with regards to the deposit. This will then need to be paid by the 5th May. I understand that this is a relatively short space of time but to secure this trip and to maximise the length of the instalment plan it is essential that deposits are gathered promptly. There will be a parent and student open evening later in the calendar year where further details will be given and there will be an opportunity to answer any more questions you may have. I will also be offering students the chance to collect a letter from myself in the P.E. office with an attached interest form should any parents prefer this method to make their initial contact. In the meantime, if you would like to discuss any aspect of the trip, please do not hesitate to contact me at rlevett@montsaye.pfschools.org.uk.



Yours faithfully,
Mr R Levett
Ski Trip Organiser

If you cannot access the online Microsoft Forms link, or you would prefer to fill out this paper form, please complete the form below and ask your child to return it to Mr Levett in the PE Office.

Childs Name as it appears on Passport

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Childs current Year Group

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Your preferred contact email

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Previous Skiing experience (in weeks)

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Agree to the deposit and instalment dates

Yes / No