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October 2018

Dear Parent/Carer

### Downlands Ski & Snowboard Trip 2020, Austria

The school ski trip in 2020 will take place from Friday 14 February to Saturday 22 February 2020.

The likely resort chosen is likely to be Obertauern in Austria with the hotel a bespoke young person's establishment called the Felseralm.

<http://www.obertauern.com/en.html>  
<http://www.felseralm.at/en/index.html>  
<http://www.thermeamade.at/en/>

The cost of the trip is £930. This includes full board, accommodation, coach travel, boot and ski hire, helmet hire, 5-hour ski lessons daily, comprehensive insurance, and lift pass. An evening entertainment programme will be organised which may on occasion require additional funding i.e. swimming at the local Therme Amade (it's amazing). Places are limited, divided equally between Years 8 and 9 to ensure everyone who wants to go can do so. Due to the potentially hazardous nature of this activity, places will only be open to pupils who have behaved sensibly on previous trips and importantly those whose behaviour is consistently good in school.

The trip will include six full days skiing under instruction by excellent, qualified teachers. Pupils need to ensure they are fit for this trip as skiing can be demanding.

**Snowboarding.** I have decided to move with the times and would welcome the opportunity for snowboarders to join us. For beginners, Snowboarding is harder to pick up than skiing. Because it is more hazardous, snowboarding groups are smaller than skiing groups. Snowboarding can only be offered if we have a group of 8-10 boarders of similar ability. Therefore please indicate your preferred sport (ski or snowboard) and also your ability when you return the form. Please only apply for if you are happy to ski in the event I cannot form a group of snowboarders. Also note that there is a £35 additional charge due to additional hazard.

I will be holding a **parent's meeting on Tuesday 9 October at 6-7pm in the Schering Suite** where you can find out more about the trip.

**ADMINISTRATION:** The following need to be given in **via the trips box** ASAP in an envelope:  
- permission slip (attached)

**FITNESS:** If accepted on the trip, pupils should be prepared to achieve a reasonable degree of fitness before we depart. A week on the ski slopes can be physically demanding.

**REFUNDS:** Parents you must understand that refunds may not be possible. The tour company must make bookings early and these require non-refundable payments to Hotel, Ski School, Coach company etc. Should your child be unable to travel for insurable (ie Medical) reasons then recompense can be sought in this manner. We will always try to help you should your child be unable to travel but cannot guarantee your money will be refunded should your child change their mind. If your child's behaviour deteriorates between now and the trip, we will discuss with you the possibility of cancellation of your child's place on the trip. This will be decided if your child's behaviour is deemed unsafe for this trip. If this is the case, we will refund all monies paid, with the exception of deposits already paid to the tour operator.

Please complete the permission form and return it to school by **Thursday 18 October**. Successful applicants will be informed on or Monday 29 October. Once formally accepted (by letter) an **initial deposit of £100** is required to be paid





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online via your child's SCO account by **Monday 5 November (the second Monday after half term)** to secure your child's place. A second deposit of **£100 is required by Monday 3 December**.

We understand that should the level of interest be high there may be some disappointment. To minimise this we have created a fair and equitable selection process. Selection will **not** be made on a 'first come first served' basis. Selection will be made initially on recorded behaviour incidents (i.e. pupils with less than 20 behaviour points accrued this academic year). If more than 40 pupils apply we will formally ask for volunteers to opt for the 2019 trip. If there is still an excess then a lottery will be held until an equitable number of boys and girls are selected. Please be aware that once a pupil has opted for, or selected for a particular trip it is unlikely they will be able to move to the following year's trip. Even in exceptional circumstances any move will result in partial loss of monies paid as the tour company must pay transport, hotel and resort companies well in advance of the holiday.

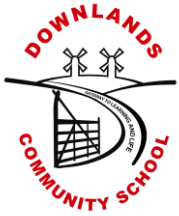
Thank you for your support in advance and if you have any subsequent questions please contact Mr Calvert at [gcalvert@downlands.org](mailto:gcalvert@downlands.org)

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'G. Calvert'.

Mr G Calvert  
Ski Party Leader





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**SKI TRIP 2020**

**Austria**

**DOWNLANDS SCHOOL  
PARENTAL CONSENT FORM**

NAME: ..... TUTOR: .....

D.O.B.: ..... HEIGHT: .....

Weight kg .....

SHOE SIZE: ..... Passport Number: ..... & expiry date .....

SKI/Board ABILITY (A-E): .....

- A = Never skied before
- B = Skied for 1 week
- C = Skied for 2 weeks
- D = Skied lots

Cross out which does not apply:-

My child has no illness, allergy, or physical disability\*

My child had the following illnesses or physical disability\*

Illness or physical disability details:

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Which necessitates the following medical treatment:-

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I consent to any emergency medical treatment necessary during the course of the visit.

**Signed:** ..... (Parent/Guardian) P.T.O.

Special dietary requirements that accompanying staff need to be aware of:

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HOME ADDRESS: .....

HOME TELEPHONE: .....

Please state an alternative contact in case you are not available:-

Name: .....

Relation to pupil: .....

ADDRESS: .....

TELEPHONE: .....

DOCTOR: .....

SURGERY: .....

Date of last Tetanus injection: .....

**Consent: DOWNLANDS COMMUNITY SCHOOL SKI TRIP 2020**

I wish my son/daughter to take part in the above mentioned school trip

I will pay online via SCO

I will pay by Cheque (*made payable to Downlands Community School*)

**Insurance** – The school has taken out a *School Journey Insurance Policy* underwritten by Chartis Insurance Plc for each pupil attending this activity. The policy includes fixed levels of benefits in respect of Personal Accident and Personal Property. A copy of the policy schedule is available upon request. Any claim made under this policy does not affect your statutory rights.

In respect of legal liability please note the School cannot be held responsible for any loss unless negligent.

Participation in this trip is dependent upon good and co-operative behaviour in school

Signed..... Parent/Carer

