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Church of England School
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Dear Parent/Carer

USA Ski Trip 2018

Following the success of this year's USA Ski Trip we intend to run another exciting trip to the United States in 2018.

The destination for this trip of a lifetime is Brighton, Utah. Far superior to the east coast resorts, the snow at Brighton is traditionally light, fluffy and dry, making it a paradise for skiers. Brighton is located directly in the path of winter storms and it is also at the very top of Big Cottonwood Canyon, so it gets the very best of the "greatest snow on earth" and lots of it, averaging 500 inches of snow each winter! Having visited this resort once before, I can attest that the deep powdery snow is truly something special.

The exact dates of our flights into Salt Lake City have yet to be confirmed due to the 2017-18 term dates not having been set at the time of writing this letter. However, we are likely to travel during the first week of the Easter holidays. I will confirm dates as soon as they become available and flight times will be confirmed closer to the date.

Although the skiing itself is the main attraction, to make the trip even more memorable, the students will participate in an exciting evening activity programme.

The trip will consist of five days skiing (5 hours instruction per day) with evening meals being taken in local restaurants before the students take part in activities such as bowling, swimming, outlet shopping, cinema and (subject to a home fixture taking place during our visit) a trip to watch a sports event. I am hoping this will be a trip to watch the Utah Jazz NBA basketball team in action. These activities are all included in the cost of the holiday.

The cost of the trip will be £1700 (£1775 for students aged 16+ due to APD tax). This will include all flights, transfers, half board, ski school, lift passes, equipment hire including helmets, evening activities and insurance.

The cost of this trip is significantly higher in comparison to the last few USA ski trips. This is due to the extra travel and the superior evening activity schedule. This is also the main reason for postponing our next trip until 2018. This will allow the trip to be paid in smaller installments over the next 2 years.

We have a maximum of 48 places available. Places will be issued on a 'first-come first-served' basis. In order to secure a place, a deposit of £150 is required (once this has been paid to the company it cannot be refunded).



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Once numbers have been confirmed, the company will issue us with a payment schedule. Typically the deposit is followed by a further payment of £150 in September 2016, a larger payment in May 2017 followed by the final balance being settled in December 2017.

Payment should be made via ParentPay by selecting '**USA Ski Trip 2018**'. Should you have any concerns with respect to payment please contact Mrs Ruttle on 01895 671050 or alternatively email parentpay@bishopramseyschool.org.

It is the school's view that trips are a privilege reserved for students who meet the requirements of the school's Behaviour Policy. Students who fail to meet these requirements, as decided by the Headteacher, may be refused permission to participate in a school trip. Furthermore, the Headteacher reserves the right to disallow a student from participating in a school trip if, in their opinion, the health and safety of the student or other students or staff is at risk. All school rules and policies apply to this trip.

Naturally, we expect a high standard of behaviour from all students on school trips. The school reserves the right to exclude students from a trip if their behaviour does not meet with the standards we expect on a day to day basis in school. Monies will only be refunded if the place can be filled.

By making a payment you give permission for your son/daughter to join the 2018 ski trip to Brighton, USA and you agree that if your son/daughter's behavior in school is not acceptable, he/she may be withdrawn from the trip and any monies already paid will not be refunded.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'S Forre', with a horizontal line underneath.

Mr S Forrest
Year Director Year 10
Leader, USA Ski Trip 2018