



Church of England School
Executive Head and CEO: Dr Hilary Macaulay

24th May 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

USA Ski Trip 2023 – Waiting List

As you may be aware, we had an overwhelming response to the initial letter regarding the 2023 USA Ski trip. The places for the trip were allocated on a first come first served basis, however preference was given to those students who had booked to attend the 2021 Ski trip which was cancelled due to Covid-19.

Between payments going live on Friday 6th May and the morning of Monday 9th May we had over 150 deposits paid, for just 48 spaces. We have also had in excess of another 50 parents who have express an interest. Since then, I have managed to source a further 24 spaces from the tour operator, taking our allocation up to 72 students.

Unfortunately, your child **has not** initially been allocated one of these spaces. I envisage some spaces becoming available as students allocated a space withdraw after finding that their friends have not been successful. We have also set strict behavioural requirements (detailed below) which may result in further spaces becoming available. These requirements also apply to those on the waiting list.

Should you wish to retain your space on the waiting list, there is nothing more you need to do at this stage, however should you wish to be removed from the waiting list, please email your request to skiing@bishopramsey.school and I will arrange for a full refund to be made.

As and when spaces do become available, I will contact the parents of those students at the top of the list. Deposits paid for students who are still on the waiting list at the end of March 2023 will be returned in full prior to the trip's commencement.

Activity and Behavioural Requirements

Skiing is a physically demanding activity therefore it is important that students are fit enough to be able to ski for a full 5 hours each day. There will not be the option for students to withdraw themselves from the ski slopes if they are feeling tired. The students will also be expected to participate in the full schedule of evening activities without exception, including swimming.

As mentioned in the introductory letter, it is the school's view that trips are a privilege reserved for students who meet the requirements of the school's Behaviour Policy. It is expected that students on the trip represent Bishop Ramsey in a positive way, are able to follow instructions from staff and ski instructors and are where they need to be at the correct time. Students who are unable to meet the behavioural criteria (set out below) will be withdrawn from the trip.

- A limit of 5 negative behaviour points in a single term (starting from the date of this letter), the student will be withdrawn from the trip. As a reminder, a detention or failing to attend a detention = 1 negative behaviour point, removal from lesson = 3 negative behaviour points and an internal exclusion = 5 negative points.

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- Students must maintain a 95% attendance record between now and the end of the Spring Term 2023

I am really sorry that we have been unable to allocate a space to your child at this stage. I know how disappointing this will be and therefore hope to be able to launch a similar trip for Easter 2024, for which those on the 2023 waiting list will take priority.

Yours sincerely,

Mr S Forrest
Year 10 Director