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Dear Parent / Carer

8th May 2019

I am delighted to offer an exciting new school visit to Serre Chevalier in France for a week skiing during February 2021.

I have planned for the visit to commence on Saturday 6th February 2021 and return on Saturday 13th February 2021. This will be for 8 days and 7 nights, via flying. The approximate cost of the visit is £1,150.00, which will include the following:

5 days skiing plus lift pass	5 days ski rental (including skis, boots and helmet)
Ski instruction each day with a qualified instructor	Full board accommodation
Club hotel afternoons (cake and drinks on return from skiing)	
In-house evening entertainment	1 day excursion to Briançon
Travel via coach and plane	Possible ½ day ice-skating

I am sending this letter out to acquire an interest on numbers. In order for the visit to go ahead, I will require a minimum of 50 students. As I am planning so far in advance to allow time to save and pay in instalments over two years, I am only opening the visit up for current Years 5 and 6.

This is a great opportunity for students to learn to ski, or continue to practice their current ability alongside their friends; as well as practicing their French, which they have learnt in lessons. For those wishing to take PE further into GCSE PE it is also an opportunity to practice their skiing skills to count towards their practical marks, when they move into secondary education.

Research has shown that not only do residential school visits help with academic achievement they also help improve relationships and encourage personal development. Research* shows, that following a residential tour:

- 61% of students achieved higher than their predicted grade
- 87% of students felt more confident trying new things
- 74% of parents said their children were more willing to try new things
- 71% said they are more motivated to learn

If your child is interested in participating on this visit, I kindly ask for you to complete the slip on the next page and return it to the office by **Friday 17th May 2019**. If I gain sufficient interest, then I will send a letter to those who have replied after half-term with further details, including a payment schedule. I have also arranged for Select School Skiing to come into school on **Thursday 23rd May 2019 at 5:00pm** to explain more about the visit. I look forward to your response!

***Sourced from the School Travel Forum using findings from: The National 'out of school visits' research report 2008; Evaluation of Learning Away – the final report, Kendall & Rodger; Learning Outside the Classroom Manifesto; Ofsted.**

Yours sincerely

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Serre Chevalier, France – February 2021

Child's Name: _____ Year: _____

I can confirm that my child is interested in the ski visit to Serre Chevalier during February 2021, and I wish to receive further information with regards to booking onto the visit.

Parent / Carer Name: _____ Signed: _____
(Person with Parental Responsibility)

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