



Ref: KTA/AHE/Ski Trip Letter 2 2019

13th November 2018

Dear Parent/Carer,

Ski Trip: Friday 15th March – Saturday 23rd March 2019

The 2019 ski trip is only four months away and there is a lot of preparation to be done. With this in mind I would like to take this opportunity to inform you of a parent information evening on **Thursday 17th January 2019**. It is essential that you and your child attend this information evening as key information of the trip will be discussed - the information evening will start at **4:30pm**. Ski Togs, our ski hire company, will be present at the meeting for your child to try on and be measured up for their ski clothing (included within the price).

Below, I have included an outline of the payment plan and highlighted where you should be with payments. As you can see the final payment deadline is only a couple of months away, therefore it is important to maintain regular payments to avoid a large sum at the end. At this stage I would also like to remind you that all payments need to be paid through the school's parent pay facility and are non-refundable.

Payment	Date of payment
£100	Deposit
£55	Payment 1
£55	Payment 2
£55	Payment 3
£55	Payment 4
£55	Payment 5
£55	Payment 6
£55	Payment 7
£55	Payment 8
£55	Payment 9
£55	Payment 10
£60	Payment 11

Accompanying this letter is a kit list for the trip. During this time of the year many outdoor shops have offers on their ski equipment and clothing. Aldi and Decathlon are very good places to find discounted thermals, gloves and hats due to their good quality, therefore I would encourage you to look there first. In the meantime, if you require further information please do not hesitate to call me on: 0121 729 7310 or ktaylor@arena-birmingham.academy.

Yours sincerely,

Mr K Taylor
Community and Student Opportunities Lead

Ski Trip parent information evening – Thursday 17th January 2019 4:30pm

Student: _____ Parent/Carer Signature: _____

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Please find below the recommended ski trip kit list. This list has been put together by staff and students that have previously attended the trip:

For the Journey

Small rucksack/backpack for the coach (It will need to fit under your seat)
Passport and EHIC
Ipods/Ipad/book/magazine/tablet for the journey
Portable charger for journey (You will not have access to a plug socket during the journey)
Personal medication – Inhalers, travel sickness medication etc.
Spending money (Euros and Pounds – for service station food and souvenirs or hot chocolate Max €50 + £20)
Pillow/travel pillow/blanket for journey
Snacks (this will be available to buy on the ferry and at services if they wish to eat hot food)
Drinks for coach (Can only use the toilet at service stations so do not go overboard)
Comfortable and warm clothes to travel in
Wallet or purse
Mobile Phone and headphones

Evenings in the Hotel

Chargers for personal electronics
European Plug convertor
Normal changes of underwear & socks for each day
Pyjamas
Evening Clothes (Tracksuit bottoms/hoodies and other warm clothing)
Sunglasses (optional but it can be very sunny)
Warm hat and Scarf for going outside in the evening
Wash kit and towel.
'Normal' inside footwear (for evening activities) e.g. trainers, sliders and slippers
Snow boots for outdoor evening activities and snow ball fights (Cheap at Amazon/Decathlon/Aldi)
Bin liner – for dirty clothes.

Skiing

Ski jacket, Ski trousers - Salopettes and Goggles (**will be issued from school**)
3-5 thermal long sleeved tops
3-5 thermal trousers or leggings
6 pairs of ski socks (Long Thick "tube" socks)
Fleece jumper or hoodie to ski in (Not cotton materials)
Waterproof ski gloves (Not the cotton material ones)
Snood/scarf (fleece is best)
Sun cream and lip screen (Although temperatures are extremely low, we will be a lot closer to the sun)
Small plastic water bottle (small enough to go in the ski jacket pocket)
Skis/ski boots/poles and helmets will be provided in resort by the hotel for all students. Everything else should be packed in ONE rucksack/suitcase for under the coach, that we will not be able to access until we are at the hotel, and ONE small travel bag which will fit on the coach under their seats. All personal items should be named, and it is the students' responsibility to look after all items, including phones and electronic devices as staff cannot prevent damage or theft. Ski kit can be obtained relatively inexpensively from outlets such as

Decathlon, Sport Direct, Lidl and Aldi. Aldi usually have a sale on around this time of year and their ski kit is relatively cheap, but of very good quality. In the meantime if you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact any member of the ski team at Arena Academy.