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Dear Parent/Carer

The Wilnecote School Easter 2019 Ski Trip

The school ski trip is only 10 weeks away! We are writing to highlight a few very important points, which need your attention, as follows:

***** IMPORTANT *** Every child needs an EHIC Card**

Every child must have a valid EHIC (European Health Insurance Card) for your child. They are free to obtain, via the official website: www.nhs.uk/ehic. The school has its own insurance policy for the trip but students must also have their own EHIC card. The production of the card, should the need arise, will prevent parents from receiving invoices from hospitals.

***** IMPORTANT *** Passports must be valid**

We return from Austria on Friday 19th April 2019, all passports need to have at least 6 months validity from that date (therefore October 2019). Please make sure you make arrangements to update passports should they not be in date.

Ski lessons

If possible then it might be an idea to book a ski lesson(s) at the Snowdome, just so your child is familiar with the equipment and the basics of skiing.

Buying or hiring kit

We recommend borrowing from relatives/friends or looking in Mountain Warehouse (they regularly have extra discounts available), Sports Direct, TK Maxx and Aldi. Aldi have very recently got new ski stock in store. The end of season sales (after February half term) are also a good time to buy equipment.

Date for your diary

There will be a pre-trip meeting for all students and their parents on Thursday 28th March in the school hall at 5.30pm. At this meeting we will be distributing itineraries and key information as well as you being required to bring your child's passport, EHIC card, sign disclaimers etc in order for your child to go on the trip. Please do attend the meeting otherwise it will require a lot of chasing after the event and failure to sign or provide the necessary documents will mean your child is ineligible to go on the trip.

Finally, I have been asked a few times about the timings for departure and arrival back at school. The coach will **leave at 3.00pm from school on Friday 12th April** (as its end of term school closes at 12.10pm that day). On our return, we anticipate that **arrival back at school on April 19th will be 3.00pm** (ferry crossings and traffic permitting).

If you have any questions or enquiries, then please feel free to drop me an email on jhandford@wilnecotehighschool.org.

Yours sincerely

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