



4<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

## **Re: Ski Trip – February Half Term 2023**

The ski trip I have been planning was previously over-subscribed but some students have now withdrawn and we have 4 places available to join us in February half term, 2023. The dates are 11-18 February.

We are travelling to the Spanish Pyrenees. Masella is a lovely resort in the mountains which I have visited before with schools. It has 74km of ski slopes going from 1600-2535m. It is perfect for beginners! We will be travelling by coach.

The cost of the trip is **£1150** and I appreciate that it might be difficult to find that sort of money in a short space of time so if you are interested, I am happy to arrange a payment plan before we actually leave for the trip.

If you would like your young person to go on the trip, **please pay a deposit of at least £250 via ParentPay** and I will be in touch to discuss payments.

Here is the website link to the resort [Masella Ski Resort](#)

Here is a link to the hotel ALP [Alp Hotel Masella\\*\\*\\* | At the foot of the ski resort | Cerdanya](#)

### **Some information:**

Those on the trip do **not** need to be able to ski. The cost includes insurance, travel via coach, accommodation, full board whilst at the resort, ski lessons - 5 hours per day for 5 days, helmets, ski and boot hire, evening activities. It does **not** include spending money, ski clothing and accessories\* (see below), food on our journey.

If more than 4 people sign up and we become over-subscribed again, we will conduct a ballot in November and places will then be confirmed. Anyone who is not selected will receive a full refund of what they have paid.

We will be analysing the behaviour record of all those who apply, from now until the departure date, to ensure we offer places to those who are most suitable for the trip; and this will include full participation in all PE lessons and high attendance. This is to make sure that we are taking students who have earned the right to represent Passmores Academy abroad.

\*We have organised an evening to give more details about the trip and we have arranged for someone to talk about ski clothing. At the meeting you will have the chance to buy or hire ski clothing for the trip. More details will follow if you decide to send your young person on the trip.

Each member of the trip must have their own passport and the passport must have **at least 6 months left on it** from the date of return which is the 18<sup>th</sup> of Feb 2023. This means all **passports must not expire before the 18<sup>th</sup> of August 2023**. Please ensure that you check the passport status and, where necessary, ensure you apply for a new passport NOW, as there are reports of long delays with passport renewals.

**Payments required, ParentPay ONLY**

<b>Payment date</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Total paid</b>
Now	£250	£250
Before February (by instalments to be arranged)	£900	<b>£1150</b>

[Finance@passmoresacademy.com](mailto:Finance@passmoresacademy.com) will be able to help if you need ParentPay set up.

As travel restrictions are still in place, we copied this from the Government website:

**If you are traveling to Spain you must show valid proof of one of the following on entry:**

- being fully vaccinated. Your vaccination status must meet the Spanish authorities' validity period requirements. See '[If you're fully vaccinated](#)'.
- a negative COVID-19 test: either a PCR taken within 72 hours prior to departure, or an antigen test taken within 24 hours prior to departure. See '[If you're not fully vaccinated](#)'.
- having recovered from COVID-19 in the last 6 months. You can use a medical certificate or recovery record to prove your COVID-19 status on entry to Spain. See '[If you've had COVID-19 in the past year](#)'.

These requirements do not apply to children under 12 years old. See '[Children and young people](#)'  
**The cost of any test is not included in the trip cost and MUST be met by your family with proof provided to the school before the 72 hour window, having recovered from COVID-19 in the last 6 months. More details to follow nearer to our departure date as the restrictions could have changed significantly by then.**

If you would like any more information, then please feel free to contact [d.chadwick@passmoresacademy.com](mailto:d.chadwick@passmoresacademy.com) or Miss Banks [s.banks@passmoresacademy.com](mailto:s.banks@passmoresacademy.com). Calling one of us is often quicker and easier so please call if you can!

Yours faithfully,



**Mr D Chadwick**  
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**Trip Leader**