



Assumption Grammar School Ballynahinch

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Dear Parent / Guardian

The countdown has begun! We hope your daughter is looking forward to the Ski Trip in March as much as we are.

The purpose of this letter is to keep you up-to-date with issues relating to the Ski Trip. You should find information on:

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INSURANCE

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COMMUNICATION

Social media is a fast and efficient method for communicating information relating to the Ski Trip.

Follow us on Twitter @AGS_Ski

We will be tweeting regularly to keep you up-to-date.

INFORMATION EVENING

Our information evening will be on Thursday 23rd January 2020 at 7pm. Each student will be given a booklet containing information relating to all aspects of the trip. We will give presentations to make you and your daughter aware of what to expect on the trip. This is an opportunity for you to meet the staff and ask any questions that you may have.

CLOTHING

Skis, poles, ski boots and helmets are supplied in Italy but clothing is not. Local company Altitude NI (www.altitudeni.co.uk) will be in attendance at our information evening and there will be an opportunity to hire good quality ski pants and ski jackets. This is often the most cost-effective option for students who can outgrow their clothes within months. Altitude NI also sell accessories such as ski socks, base layers, gloves, goggles, sunscreen etc. at competitive prices. We have included some information about Altitude NI.



GOOGLE FORM

In the very near future, we will post a link to a google form on @AGS_Ski (as well as sending a link via Parentmail). This form is an efficient method for compiling essential information about your daughter. The form includes questions relating to emergency contact details, a medical questionnaire (any information provided will be treated with sensitivity), special dietary requirements, questions relating to ski fit (shoe size, height, weight etc.), evening activities and rooming requests.

PASSPORTS/EHIC

It is **essential** that your daughter has a passport which will be valid for the outbound and return flights. The google form includes questions about your daughter's passport details. We currently have up-to-date information on valid passports for the majority of students. **The details that you provide should be for the valid passport which your daughter will be using on the Ski Trip** (particularly important for the small number of students who have both UK and Irish passports).

Your daughter should also have a valid European Health Insurance Card (EHIC). More information will be provided on this at the information evening.

SWEATSHIRTS

There is always a significant demand from the students for a ski trip "hoodie", "half-zip" or sweatshirt. Year 13 student, Leah Coulter has volunteered to organise sweatshirts for the trip. Thank you, Leah! The sweatshirts will be produced locally by O'Neills.

This is not an essential requirement for the trip.

However, if your daughter wants to purchase a sweatshirt for the trip, she should approach Leah. We would suggest that your daughter makes a big effort to get her size right. Children sizes are based on age: 9/10, 10/11, and 13/14. Adult sizes are S, M, L and XL. The two most common sizes last year were Child 13/14 and Adult S.

Some AGS bobble hats are available (£10). If you are interested in a bobble hat - speak to Dr. Cunningham.

SKI -I N-A-DAY COURSE

If your daughter has never skied before (or hasn't skied for a few years) and wants to maximise her potential on the slopes, we would recommend the "Ski-In-A-Day" course (Levels 1 -3) at Craigavon Dry Ski Slope (www.getactiveabc.com). This course lasts for 6 hours and includes lunch and two breaks. We have an excellent relationship with the instructors at Craigavon. The cost is subject to numbers but will not exceed £50.

This is not an essential requirement for the trip.

If your daughter wants to do the "Ski-In-A-Day" course on Thursday 2nd January - please fill in and return the reply slip. A £20 deposit is required and the balance can be paid on the day.

INSURANCE

The Insurance Policy Document for the Ski Trip in March 2020 is available as a pdf file via the school website: www.assumptiongrammar.org.uk

"About Us", "Letters to Parents", "2019/20 Letters"
"Ski Trip 2020 Insurance Policy – December 2019"

This document is very important and would be required in the event of a claim.

We have sought expert advice on the policy document. Some of the feedback is given below:

"The policy document provided includes the main elements we would expect to see in a travel policy."

"It is very important that all those travelling declare all pre-existing medical conditions. **They should declare all their own pre-existing medical conditions and all those of anyone at all on whom the intention to travel would depend** i.e. if any relative, friend, neighbour etc... has a pre-existing medical condition and the development of this condition would mean the person intending to travel would as a result not wish to travel. We have seen claims turned down due to the non-disclosure of the pre-existing medical condition of a parent, sister, brother, grandparent, close friend etc..."

"Parents should be made aware that their children will be placed in Ski Schools where they will be under the supervision of the Ski School Instructors."

Topflight have also requested that we draw your attention to the attached "IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR ALL TRAVELLERS". The purpose of this document is to make each member of our group aware of the importance of declaring pre-existing medical conditions.

Please note that if you contact the health check line, you will need to advise the following information in order to identify the policy and proceed.

"We have booked a single trip with Topflight for Schools through Worldwide Insurance in Ireland."



IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR ALL TRAVELLERS

Your attention is drawn to the following which appears on the front page of your policy wording. It is important that you read and understand these conditions, as failure to comply with them will result in a claim being turned down.

Pre – existing Medical Conditions – 00353 (0) 1 2247033

DISCLOSURE OF YOUR MEDICAL CONDITIONS	
Your policies may not cover claims arising from your medical conditions. If you answer 'yes' to any of the questions below then you must declare the relevant conditions to us.	
So that we can ensure you are provided with the best cover we can offer please read and answer the following questions accurately and carefully:	
<p>Have you, or anyone who is insured under this policy <u>ever</u> been diagnosed or received treatment for:</p> <div style="margin-left: 20px;"> <p>Any heart or circulatory condition? Yes</p> <p>A stroke or high blood pressure? Yes</p> <p>A breathing condition (including Asthma)? Yes</p> <p>Any type of Cancer? Yes</p> <p>Any type of Diabetes? Yes</p> <p>Has your doctor altered your regular prescribed medication in the last 3 months? Yes</p> </div> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">No</p>	<p>If you have answered yes to the questions on the left, you must tell us, in order to obtain cover for your medical condition(s), although an increased premium or excess may be required to do so.</p> <p>To enable us to consider your medical condition please contact travellers health check on 00 353 1 2247033 8am-8pm Monday- Friday 9am-5pm Saturdays</p> <p>Should we require any additional premium, and you accept our offer, this should be paid to Travel Administration Facilities, and sent within 14 days of our offer. Should you decide not to pay the additional premium the existing medical condition will not be covered. Full confirmation of our terms and conditions will be sent out to your address after your call. Any additional medical conditions not declared to us will not be covered.</p>
<p><u>In the last 2 years - have you, or anyone who is insured under this policy, been treated for any serious or re-occurring medical condition, asked to take regular prescribed medication, or referred to a specialist or consultant at a hospital for tests, diagnosis or treatment?</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">No</p>	
<p>Are you or anyone who is insured under this policy waiting for any tests, treatment or a non-routine hospital appointment?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">No</p>	
<p>Full Cover is available under this policy. If your answers to any of the above change to YES during the period of insurance, please contact us on 00353 1 2247033</p>	
<p>Do any close relatives, business associates or friends who are not travelling with you or who are not insured with us have an existing medical condition (even if considered as 'stable', under control or in remission) ?</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Yes</p>	
<p>If your answer changes to 'yes' at any point after the purchase of this policy you must call to inform us of this change in health to ensure you are fully covered for your trip.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">BE AWARE!</p> <p>We are unable to provide cover for any claim arising as a result of an existing medical condition of a non-travelling close relative, business associate, person you are intending to stay with or friend, or any known or recognised complication of or caused by the existing medical condition.</p>	

We would be grateful if you complete and return the attached reply slip.

INSURANCE

Reply Slip

Dear Dr Cunningham/Mrs Andersson

I would like to confirm that I am not aware of any pre-existing medical condition, as outlined in the document "IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR ALL TRAVELLERS" which would force my daughter

to cancel or cut short her participation in the Ski trip to Italy in March 2020.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

If a pre-existing medical condition does exist, you should contact Travellers' Health Check (as detailed on the first page of the policy).

We would be grateful if you could let us know if this is the case.

Any information given will be treated as confidential.

SKI - I N - A - DAY COURSE

Reply Slip

Dear Dr Cunningham/Mrs Andersson

My daughter

would like to do the "Ski-in-a-day" course on Thursday 2nd January. I enclose a deposit for £20 (the balance can be paid on the day).

My daughter's details (needed to set the bindings on her skis):

Height (in cms) _____ Weight (in kg) _____

Boot size (UK) _____

Signed: _____

Date: _____



ALTITUDE
SKI CLOTHING HIRE & SALES
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At Altitude, we have over 20 years experience in providing a high quality ski clothing hire service, specialising in school groups. We will attend your ski information meeting and will provide a short presentation on clothing and accessories to consider for your forthcoming trip.

Ski Clothing Hire

If your son/daughter wishes to hire ski clothing, they will have the opportunity to view a sample range and avail of a personal fitting on the evening of your meeting. Bookings and payments to be completed at your meeting. **To save time you can complete the booking form attached and bring this with you to our hire booking table before we fit you out.**

Ski clothing will be delivered, individually packed and labelled, to the school approximately one week prior to the ski trip. On your return, arrangements will be made to collect the gear from school within a few days. *(Terms and Conditions Apply). Colour and style preferences are not guaranteed.*

Prices for current season:

Group Ski Clothing Hire – Inclusive of Delivery and Collection

Ski Jacket	£25
Salopette/ski pant	£20
Jacket & salopette/ski pant	£40

(Please note that bookings made outside the ski information evening are subject to £5 administration charge)

Ski Accessories

A full range of quality ski accessories will also be available to purchase at affordable prices.

Ski Gloves & Glove Liners	Hats and Neck Warmers/Helmet balaclavas
Ski Goggles	Ski Ties and Ski Boot Carrier
Ski Sunglasses and Cords	Ski socks
Sun Cream/Lip Salve	Hand Warmers
Thermal Base Layers	Ski waist bag/rucksack
Micro fleece mid layer	Compact travel Luggage

HOT PRODUCT- 'MyBunjee' (as seen on Dragons Den), a unique mobile phone accessory adapting to fit any phone, keeping it safe and protected at all times on the slopes.

NEW PRODUCT – 'Limpeze' first aid kit for feet. Designed to provide a 'one-stop shop' for pressure and friction relief, perfect for looking after your feet on the slopes and in your ski boots!

Further information on our products and services, along with our ski clothing guide is available on our website www.altitudeni.co.uk.

We look forward to seeing you at your ski information meeting!



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To stay up to date with ski information and for chances to win great prizes!



Ski Clothing Hire Order Form

Tel: 07507 567 135 Email: info@altitudeni.co.uk

Please complete all of the details below (please print).

Details of Hirer

Students Name: _____ Male/Female

Address: _____ Postcode: _____

Home Tel: _____ Parent/Guardian Mobile: _____

School Travelling with: _____

Your Measurements (if known)

Height	Chest	Waist	Size normally worn in standard clothes

Hire clothing required (please tick)

Jacket ONLY £25	Ski Pant ONLY £20	Ski Jacket + pant combo £40

****Ski pants are supplied black/navy ****

Bookings made outside the ski meeting will incur a £5 admin fee

Colour preferences for ski jackets only (please provide 3 colours) _____

****Please Note: We will make every effort to accommodate your preference, however this cannot be guaranteed as is dependant on size and stock at the time of your trip.****

Acceptance

Please read in full your copy of our Terms & Conditions (available on our website) before signing

I hereby confirm that I have read and accept the terms & conditions set by Altitude NI

Signed (Parent/Guardian) _____ Date: _____

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FORM ABOVE AND BRING TO AN ALTITUDE REPRESENTATIVE ON OUR SKI CLOTHING HIRE DESK ON THE EVENING OF YOUR SKI INFORMATION MEETING TO COMPLETE THE BOOKING.

PLEASE NOTE YOU WILL STILL BE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE A PROPER FITTING OF SKI CLOTHING