**Ski Trip Austria 2020: Saturday 15th February 2020 - Saturday 22nd February 2020**

Dear Parents / Carers

The Physical Education department has a long tradition of running ski and snow boarding trips; we have provisionally booked a five day ski/snow board trip travelling by coach to Salzburger Sportwelt, Austria. We will leave school on Saturday 15th February and return the afternoon of Saturday 22nd February. The Trip is open to students currently in Years 7 – 12 with preferential selection given to those pupils who are on the GCSE and A Level Sport Science courses. The price of the trip will be £1115.00. This includes 5 hours of skiing/boarding each day, evening activities and full board accommodation.

All pupils participating will require both a valid passport and a European Health Insurance Card. Details of how to obtain an EHIC can be found at <http://www.dh.gov.uk/PolicyAndGuidance/HealthAdviceForTravellers/fs/en> or from your local post office.

It is anticipated that the trip will be popular; therefore places will be allocated according to school policy, with consideration being given to behaviour during previous school trips, as will any outstanding payments on previous school trips.

***There are a maximum of 43 places available***. If the demand for places is greater than this; then to ensure fairness, places will be allocated after names have been drawn out of a hat by the school. Those students who do not receive a place following the draw will be placed onto a reserve list.

It goes without saying that that the highest standards of behaviour are expected during the trip. I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that following confirmation of a place on the trip, if a student’s poor behaviour results in a member of the Senior Leadership Team being called to their lesson, your child receiving a Senior Leadership Team Friday Night Detention or being internally excluded, then your support will be required to ensure that your child understands the specific expectations that will have to be met for them to be considered eligible for the trip. These expectations are clearly outlined in the School’s ‘Code of Behaviour’ which is detailed within the student planner.

Please note that should a student receive a Fixed Term Exclusion, the Headteacher reserves the right to withdraw the student from the trip. Please note that any student withdrawn from the trip due to poor behaviour will forfeit their deposit and non-refundable monies associated with the trip. On top of a school administration charge of £25, you will also incur any charges from the trip provider for a change of name as a result of your child being removed from a trip.

We are also required by our insurers to remind you that the cost of non-accidental damage caused by any students whilst on the trip will be charged to the parents / carers concerned.

Please refer to our School website for full Educational Visits Terms and Conditions. This document can be found via the ‘Information’ tab and ‘Policies’ section, alternatively, please contact the Finance Office should you wish for a separate copy to be sent to you.

Students are permitted to bring a mobile telephone on this trip. Under no circumstances are students allowed to record images of other students or members of staff. Students will be given specific guidelines as to the use of mobile phones at the start of the trip. Failure to follow these guidelines will result in the phone being confiscated and a sanction. St Nicholas Catholic High School will take no responsibility for the safety or security of mobile phones on any school trip.

If you would like your child to participate on the ski/snow board trip, please process the required deposit payment of £200.00 via your Parentpay account by **10.05.19**.

The form below is important to ascertain preference and ability; please could you complete and return the attached form to myself ASAP.

Yours sincerely

N Simms

Mrs N Simms

Trip Organiser

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PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO THE STUDENT SUPPORT OFFICE AT BREAK TIME by

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Pupil name: …………………………………………………….. Current Year and tutor group:...............

My son/daughter would like to participate in the Ski/Snow Board Trip-15th -22nd February 2020.

They would like to Ski/Snow Board they are Beginner/intermediate/advanced

I understand that this interest is a commitment to attend the trip and places will be allocated according to our school policy.

Signed:……………………………………………..(Parent/Guardian) Date:……………………