



Icknield Community College

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Dear Parent/Carer

Bulgaria Ski Trip, 17 - 23 February 2019

With the Bulgarian Ski trip fast approaching, here are the final arrangements:

You will need to be at Icknield Community College on **Sunday 17 February for 4.30am** as we will be leaving at 5.00am for a flight from Heathrow (Terminal 4) to Sofia. Flight information is below.

Outbound

Sunday 17 February 2019, Flight Number FB8152
Heathrow to Sofia departing 8.15am landing 13.20pm

Inbound

Saturday 23 February 2019, Flight Number FB8151
Sofia to Heathrow T4 departing 14.20pm landing 15.55pm

On **Saturday 23 February**, the approximate return time to Icknield will be 6.00pm

Money

The currency in Bulgaria is the Bulgarian Lev. Students will need money for drinks with their meals as this is not provided (although water will be provided). They will be able to buy refreshments at the airport as well as any gifts or souvenirs but there will not be any other visits to shops or supermarkets. Please supply any money in a named wallet/purse; the amount we leave to the discretion of the parents. Students will be required to look after their own money, however, a teacher can look after students' money in extreme cases. If you would like a teacher to look after any money, please send it in a labelled envelope to the Finance Office by Friday 8 February.

Hotel details

We will be staying at:
Orpheus Spa Hotel
Pamporovo 4870
Bulgaria
Phone 00359 87 711 5887

Hotel Rooms

The tour company will not receive the hotel room allocations until much closer to the start of the trip, so, at the moment, we do not know how many students there will be per room. As soon as we receive this information, we will call a lunchtime meeting with students to discuss who they would like to share a room with. This can be a sensitive matter and, whilst we will endeavour to do our best to ensure that students get to be with all of their friends, we cannot guarantee that this will always be possible. We will ensure that everyone is roomed with at least one person of his or her choice.

Communication

Parents will be contacted if there are any changes with schedules and I am sure that students will have their own ways of letting you know how they are getting on. In case of emergency ONLY, please call 07870 871805. We will be using the school Twitter account on the trip so please follow us at **@icknielddc**.

Clothing and Equipment

Please remember that students will be carrying their own suitcases. The tour company is advising a soft suitcase to make sure all the luggage will fit in the luggage hold of the coach. Hold luggage up to 23kg, dimensions not exceeding 158cm and 1 piece of hand luggage up to 10kg, dimensions 55x40x23cm, total length up to 118cm. This is a guide to what students will need.

- Sun cream
- Sunglasses
- Ski goggles
- Lip salve
- Ski hat
- Ski gloves
- Ski suit/salopettes
- Ski jacket
- Layers to wear under ski gear – vests, T-shirts, sweatshirts, thermals.
- Warm casual clothing for evening events.
- Ski socks
- Snow boots or shoes to wear to and from the slopes
- Night wear and underwear
- Towel
- Toiletries
- Personal medication (named and in main suitcase, unless needed for the flight)
- All liquids, gels, creams etc, must be under 100ml if carried in hand luggage

Students may wish to bring mobile phones with them to keep in contact with home, however, they will be responsible for these at all times. Teachers will not take responsibility for looking after students phones at any point. We strongly recommend that any other electronic items such as iPads and small games consoles are left at home as they will not be needed.

Please ensure all student passports and EHIC cards are sent into the Finance Office by Friday 18 January in preparation for travelling.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me here at school by telephone or by email: Charlotte.Gibson@icknielddc.oxon.sch.uk

Yours faithfully



Trip Leader