



Cumbria Primary Ski Residential 2025

April 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

As you may know, schools in Cumbria have participated in ski residentials for primary aged children for many years. We are delighted to announce that the trip will be running again in 2025. The trip will be planned by a team of head teachers, coordinated this year by Julia Fish, Head Teacher of Bridekirk Dovenby Primary School. It is open to all current year four and five children, entering year five and six next year, in state schools and academies encompassing the unitary authorities of Cumberland and Westmorland and Furness.

The trip leaders are all passionate about skiing and have significant experience in organizing and leading residential trips for children. For 2025 we are pleased to be returning to the Italian resort of Artesina. The ski resort is located in the heart of the Maritime Alps, in the Piemonte province of Cuneo. The Mondolè Ski Complex consists of both the resorts of Artesina and Prato Nevoso. There are more than 100 Km of well-kept, first-class pistes and an ever-modernising ski-lift system. The resort sits at an elevation of 1300m and rises to over 2000m. It has a good snow record and is backed up with modern snow-making facilities. For beginners, we have extensively researched then secured a hotel with ski-in-ski-out access and a beginner's slope and moving-carpet ski lift, right outside the door of the hotel. Surrounding slopes provide an array of interconnecting runs, suitable for developing skiers. With their instructor, the more advanced skiers have the opportunity to explore Artesina and its interconnected resort, Prato Nevoso, even skiing black runs!

Accommodation:

We will return to 3*** Hotel Marguareis. As mentioned, it has an ideal location, with the ski school meeting point a few steps from the entrance. The hotel provides good accommodation and as we will be filling it, we will maintain exclusive access, allowing for excellent security and safeguarding of the children. The bedrooms are of a good size and all are en-suite. **For Health & Safety reasons and to ensure we are all in the same hotel, numbers are limited to 120 pupils.**

Dates for the 2025 trip are as follows:

Depart: Early morning **Sunday 26th January 2025**

Return: Late afternoon **Sunday 2nd February 2025**

Travel is by coach to Edinburgh, flights to Turin, transfer to resort by coach. Return flight Turin to Edinburgh, coach to Cumbria (please note that other regional airports, e.g. Newcastle or Manchester may be used).

The trip this year will be run in conjunction with Select School Skiing, who are full ABTA and LOTC members.

The cost for the 2025 trip will be £1230 per child, subject to the trip being full.

The price for the 2025 trip includes the following:

- All transport from a central pick up, (two North Cumbria, one South Cumbria) to a regional airport.
- Flight to Turin and return transfers from Turin to the resort and return by coach.
- Full board accommodation at the hotel, all rooms en-suite, all meals on-site.
- 5 hours ski instruction per day for 6 days with the Italian Ski School.
- Hire of all ski equipment – skis, boots, helmets and poles.
- 6-day lift pass.
- Fully comprehensive insurance cover.
- Evening entertainment programme.
- Trip Hoodie.
- Administration costs.

The system of payment for the course is:

- Eventbrite Ticketing goes live - **Wednesday 24th April @ 7pm**
- Initial deposit deadline (**non-refundable** deposit of **£200**) paid within 48hours of booking
- Second instalment **£515** to be paid by **Friday 28th June 2024**
- Final instalment of **£515** to be paid by **Friday 11th October 2024**

All money paid is non-returnable unless a doctor's certificate is supplied.

The following items are **not** included in the price and should be budgeted for by parents:

- Pocket money (a maximum of around £30 worth of Euros).

- Breakfast on the outbound journey and lunch in England on return (suggested £20).

All pupils will need their own valid passport and GHIC card for the visit. Please be aware that in some cases your child may be the only one attending from their school and there may not be a member of staff from your child's school present. The trip is staffed by very experienced head teachers, teachers, teaching assistants and other staff, who are all good skiers. We allocate staff places based on skiing and residential experience, the number of children attending from a particular school and the number of new staff we can mentor each year.

Initial booking this year is all online and through the Eventbrite ticketing service (www.eventbrite.com). 120 places will be available on the site. The trip will go live at 7pm on Wednesday 24th April. Please search for Cumbria Primary Schools Ski Residential or use the link below. Only one place can be reserved for each booking. Of course, if you have more than one child in your family you would like to register, then please make a subsequent booking using an alternative email address.

The link to the event is (but please be aware that this will not work until the event is live):

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/cumbria-primary-ski-residential-2025-tickets-880112027767?aff=oddtcreator>

Successful applicants will be informed at the end of the Eventbrite sign-up page where account details will be provided for the payment of the initial deposit. The initial deposit will need to be paid within a strict deadline of 48hrs after sign up. A waiting list will be maintained of all pupils who did not gain a place on the residential and offered in chronological order of booking, if subsequent places become available **or deposits are not paid on time.**

This letter has been distributed with the consent of your school's head teacher. It is imperative that we keep them informed of any reservations. To that effect, please can you use the following contact email address in the field required, on the Eventbrite form:

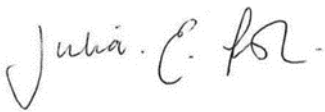
School main contact email: admin.flimby@changinglives.education

If this has not been provided by your school, please can you contact them to request an appropriate email address. We will not accept bookings without this information. Can we also request that you do not share the link to the Eventbrite form with parents from other schools? Distribution of this letter is down to head teachers and not all schools will choose to send it out.

Please note that the deposit and all other payment deadlines are final. Failure to meet these deadlines may result in you losing your child's place on the trip (and your deposit). You will be kept up-to-date with regular updates throughout and all parents and pupils will also be invited to an orientation meeting in the autumn term, prior to the trip.

Whilst we try to be as prompt as we can with replies to emails, as busy Headteachers, other things often do take priority. We will respond as quickly as we can to any queries. Also, the trip only runs smoothly when parents make payments and fill in forms promptly. **Please only sign your child up to the trip if you are certain that you will be able to comply with these deadlines.** If you require further information or clarification of any of the trip details, please get in touch using the details below:

Best wishes,



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