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This risk assessment assumes a school ski trip or holiday organised through a tour operator. The leader of the ski trip should have completed an English Ski Council Ski Course Leader Award course. All skiing, snowboarding and all other activities on snow must be led by staff qualified to teach/supervise the specific activity, usually instructors, nationally qualified, employed by the local ski school. Schools must organise qualified supervision for any skiing which takes place outside instructed sessions.

HAZARD	RISK	PERSONS AT RISK	CONTROL MEASURES	COMMENTS/ACTIONS	RESIDUAL RISK RATING	INITIAL IF ALL IN PLACE
Hazards while skiing/during snow activities	Injury, possible fatality	Pupils, staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Skiing and snow activities arranged through a reputable ski school • Pupils only ski under supervision of qualified ski instructors, leaders or supervisors • Pupils understand independent skiing without instructor/qualified leader is not allowed* • Pupils briefed on sensible behaviour, (following of resort skiing code) essential including use of lifts, consequences of unacceptable behaviour and sanctions agreed • Pupils look after each other while skiing – buddy system – and know what to do if separated from group • Meeting points agreed for teachers, group and instructors at end of ski sessions • Pupils know safe procedures for carrying skis/walking in ski boots • School staff understand their supervision responsibilities including for sick or injured pupils • Insurance cards are carried by pupils, or if held by staff, instructors can contact staff • Equipment obtained from reputable supplier and specifically fitted for each person. Pupils know not to swap equipment <p>* Independent skiing is occasionally agreed for experienced older pupils – must be discussed with LEA OUTDOOR EDUCATION ADVISER in advance</p>	<p>Ski provider checked via “External Provider” questionnaire form * Briefing of pupils</p> <p>Necessity of sensible behaviour and following instructions included in pupil/parental information and consent form</p> <p>If behaviour on ski slopes puts pupil or others at risk, pupil must be suitably supervised and/or lift pass removed</p> <p>Emergency plan agreed and staff and pupils briefed</p> <p>Specific parental permission in advance</p>	Low	

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Cold injury, hypothermia, effects of sun	Injury, possible fatality	Pupils, staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All briefed re suitable clothing and equipment and importance of protection against cold and sun Pupils' clothing and equipment monitored by staff 	Parents and pupils briefed	Low	
Hazards in ski resort	Injury, possible fatality	Pupils, staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Specific risk assessment for resort completed by leader and code of practice for "free time" agreed Pupils briefed re low risk places/areas in resort they may go and times allowed away from hotel and return times Pupils know value of foreign currency, warned of dangers of icy surfaces and traffic driving on right No alcohol may be bought or drunk by pupils (possibly agree other rules for over age pupils) Pupils stay in pairs/groups (buddy system) Pupils know where and how to contact staff member and what to do if separated from group Staff know when they are "on duty" and understand they have responsibility for pupils at all times 	Completion of resort risk assessment by leader either on pre-visit or on arrival. Agree code of practice and brief staff and pupils	Low	
Hazards during après ski/ evening activities	Injury, possible fatality	Pupils, staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Check that any activities provided by tour operator are covered by External Provider form and suitably risk assessed by tour operator Activities arranged by school leader must be risk assessed by leader Leader considers activities suitable for group and provides sufficient school staff supervision 	Risk assessment Check that all pupils attend or otherwise supervised Staff understand their supervision responsibilities	Low	

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