



Headteacher: Mrs L Ayling BA (Hons) NPQH

January 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

**KS4 Geography tour of Iceland  
Saturday 27 March – Tuesday 30 March 2021**

We are delighted to offer your child the opportunity to gain a place on the enrichment visit outlined above. The trip will provide your child with both an outstanding educational opportunity and the chance to experience some of the geographical and geological wonders of Iceland. A tectonically-active country that is located along a plate margin.

The Tour Operator is NST, who are experienced educational tour operators. More details about NST can be found by visiting their website at <https://www.nstgroup.co.uk>

**Included in overall cost:**

- Accommodation in a multiple occupancy room at the Arctic Comfort Hotel, Reykjavik. including breakfast.
- Travel insurance.
- UK Transfers from Wirral to Manchester or Liverpool airport. (to be confirmed)
- Flights from a northern airport (Manchester, most likely) to Keflavik International Airport.
- Iceland airport transfers and travel in Iceland.
- Day trip to the South Shore, to explore glaciers, volcanoes and coastal geographical features of Iceland.
- Day trip to the Golden Circle, where students will be able to walk between the North American and Eurasian tectonic plates.
- Entrance to the Hellishiedi geothermal power plant.
- Swimming in the Secret Lagoon, a natural geothermal pool.
- 2-course meal with a soft drink at the Hamburger factory (Hamborgarafabrikkan).
- 2 course set menu meal at the Hard Rock Café.
- Pizza buffet with bowling.
- Hold luggage for flights (weight allowance to be confirmed).

**What is not included:**

- Passport – a copy of which must be provided to the school in order that we can provide the Advanced Passenger Information to the airline.
- European Health Insure Card (EHIC) - if still valid. Pending exiting the E.U.
- If your child is 16 when we travel, there is an Air Passenger Duty of **£13** payable. This is a government tax and therefore non-negotiable. Those to be charged will be clarified following our completion of the advanced passenger information request closer to the time.
- The local currency is the Icelandic Krona and we would suggest that your child brings enough for lunches and for any other miscellaneous spending such as on souvenirs. The school would suggest no more than **£80** – Around 12'000 Icelandic Krona.

**The overall cost of the trip is: £730**

The cost of the trip is subject to change however dependent upon flight prices. Therefore, we have been recommended by the travel company to suggest a contingency fund of **£50** in case the flight prices increases. In the unlikely event that the price rises more than the suggested amount, you will be entitled to a full refund of all monies paid.

**Payment schedule:**

<b><u>Due date</u></b>	<b><u>Instalment Amount</u></b>
<b>Deposit (07/02/2020)</b>	<b>£125</b>
<b>31 March 2020</b>	<b>£90</b>
<b>30 April 2020</b>	<b>£90</b>
<b>22 May 2020</b>	<b>£85</b>
<b>30 June 2020</b>	<b>£85</b>
<b>30 September 2020</b>	<b>£85</b>
<b>23 October 2020</b>	<b>£85</b>
<b>30 November 2020</b>	<b>£85</b>

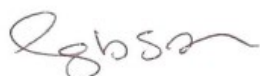
We plan to take a party of 40 students to Iceland. If your child would like to take part, we require an expression of interest through a signed form attached by **3.30pm** on the **Tuesday 28 January 2020**. Should more than forty expressions of interest be received, places will be allocated based on attendance and behaviour. The school will then confirm which students have been allocated a place, by **Friday 31 January 2020** and a non-refundable deposit of **£125** will be required by **Friday 7 February 2020** and your child's passport, if they currently have one, which we will return quickly.

I hope that your child is able to join us for this exciting adventure!

As with all school trips, staff reserve the right to refuse permission for any student to attend the trip if their behaviour is or does become a cause for concern. We are only prepared to take those students whose behaviour is excellent.

Please note the payment schedule is determined by the tour company and is not flexible. If parents are unable to adhere to the payment schedule, students may have to be removed from the visit. If a student withdraws from the visit for any reason, cancellation charges will be in accordance with the tour operators booking conditions.

Yours faithfully



Mr Liam Gibson  
Teacher of Geography

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**Reply Slip: To be returned by Tuesday 28 January 2020**

**Iceland 2021 –expression of interest**

I would like to register an interest in my child: \_\_\_\_\_ to attend the Iceland 2021 trip and would like them to be considered for a place on the trip. I understand that in the case of any behaviour issues my child will not be eligible for a place on the upcoming trip. Once my child has been allocated a place I will pay a non- refundable deposit of **£125** by **Friday 7 February 2020** to secure their place.

**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Form:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Carer to sign:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

By signing this letter, I am confirming that I have parental responsibility for the child named.