

4 April 2019

Dear Parent/Guardian

TRIP TO ICELAND – 'THE LAND OF FIRE & ICE'

We are excited to announce a 'trip of a lifetime' to Iceland in May 2020. We have coincided the trip with the May Bank Holiday as there are two INSET days, meaning that we will not have to miss school! We would leave on either 30 April or 1 May and return on 4 or 5 May 2020.

The trip will include return flights to Iceland from either Liverpool or Manchester. Accommodation is based on bed, breakfast and evening meal at a hotel based in Reykjavik. As Reykjavik is the capital, it is therefore an ideal starting point for planned expeditions.

We will be visiting volcanoes, glaciers, geysers, lava fields and hot springs as natural wonders are not in short supply. Iceland is just below the Arctic Circle however in May we can expect very long daylight hours, quite reasonable weather and plenty of opportunities to do extra visits to the likes of the world-famous Blue Lagoon, which is a huge geothermal centre with outdoor pools for pupils to enjoy.

We are also considering a half-day trip to see whales and porpoises, weather permitting. On one of the evenings we will stay out rather late to take advantage of the 'Land of the Midnight Sun'. For the Game of Thrones fans, many of the TV hit show's backdrop was filmed at the Thingvellir National Park where the border between tectonic plates meet; the North American plate and the Eurasian plate. The trip will incorporate Gullfoss, a huge glacial waterfall, and an active geyser at Strokkur.

This is a fantastic opportunity and one we have done a couple of times before. We have provisional reservations with TUI and these are the best rates we have ever been able to offer for this package. The initial quote for the trip is £800 per person. We will have use of coaches with passenger seat-belts, throughout the vacation. The price includes a trip hoody, travel insurance and accommodation which is based on 2-4 pupils sharing a room.

A deposit of £100 will secure the place for your son/daughter which is dependent on a minimum of 24 pupils (maximum is 40 pupils). There are four further payments of £150 and a final payment of £100, with money due on the dates as follows:

£100 deposit	On or before 2 May 2019
£150 x 4	On or before 1 July 2019 4 September 2019 1 November 2019 10 January 2020
£100	On or before 1 March 2020

Please note that once you have a confirmed place, you are liable for the full cost and payments must be made as per the above schedule. The school cannot accept any responsibility for the balance should there be medical or personal reasons for withdrawal.



Please sign and return the reply slip below if you would like your child/ren to attend this trip. Following this, your child/ren will attend a meeting in school with myself for allocation of a place; a deposit will then be required.

There will be a briefing for parents in September with myself and a TUI representative.

Yours sincerely



Mr A Watters
Lead Teacher for Geography
School Trip Organiser

REPLY SLIP – ICELAND TRIP (Please return to Mr Watters)

Name of Pupil(s): _____ Form: _____

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I/we agree that our son/daughter named above may go on the trip to Iceland and that if they are successful in gaining a place, I/we will ensure that the total cost will be paid within the payment schedule provided.

Parent Name (please print): _____

Signed: _____ (parent/guardian) Date: _____