



14th November 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

PROPOSED GEOGRAPHY TOUR TO ICELAND **WEDNESDAY, 28TH OCTOBER – SUNDAY, 1ST NOVEMBER 2020**

This letter is to inform you about a planned visit to Iceland scheduled to take place in the October half term in 2020. The visit is open to Geography students who will then be in Years 11, 12 & 13 and will be of interest to students who like to visit unusual and interesting places. Visits will be made to Reykjavik, the capital of Iceland, Pingveller Rift Valley to see one of the earth's tectonic plate boundaries, the Blue Lagoon, a unique mineral rich natural lake, formed from geothermal sea water, and Gull Foss Waterfall.

The cost of the visit is £1,055; the cost is based on 30 paying passengers and may change if fewer than 30 places are taken. The cost includes:

- coach transfers to the airport, flights
- four nights' accommodation, (students will be accommodated in multi-bedded rooms with shared facilities)
- full board and packed lunches every day
- activities and visits as described above
- full insurance cover

A small amount of spending money may be taken for gifts/extra food but please note that it can be expensive in Iceland.

A deposit of £100 is required by **Monday, 25th November 2019**, please pay this via School Gateway. We appreciate that this is a quick turnaround for the deposit payment, however this is to ensure that we obtain the best flight price. Further instalments are as follows:-

- 31st January - £200
- 29th February - £200
- 31st March - £200
- 30th April - £200
- 31st May - £155

Your daughter/son will need a valid passport for the trip. Please provide a copy of this passport by email to ccaple@bwsgirls.org Please visit the gov.uk website for rules for travel to Europe after Brexit. We will also need a copy of a valid European Health Insurance Card (EHIC). An EHIC can be obtained or expired EHICs can be renewed *free of charge* via the official website: <https://www.nhs.uk/using-the-nhs/healthcare-abroad/apply-for-a-free-ehic-european-health-insurance-card/>. Beware of websites asking for payment.

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Strict adherence to the above payment dates by parent/carers is essential to enable the school to meet suppliers' terms and conditions. If you are unable to meet the deadline for either payment, please contact Mrs Caple as soon as possible. Failure to meet payment deadlines may compromise your daughter/son's place on the trip.

I am confident that the arrangements we have made will give the students a great experience. I would be very pleased if you would like your daughter/son to take part.

Yours sincerely,



Miss L Kincaid
Head of Geography

PLEASE NOTE CAREFULLY

All medical details and emergency telephone numbers which we invite you to update every year and which we will use for the trip will be generated from the school's records. Please ensure that any changes in this information are provided to us as soon as they occur. Your daughter will be administered with any first aid required on the trip.

If your daughter/son requires any medication for the trip please put this in a transparent bag marked clearly with your daughter/son's name plus medication enclosed, the dosage amount and times to be taken. Please hand to a member of staff on the day of the visit.

Payment signifies the commitment by the payer to membership of the party and therefore the cost of the visit is **non-refundable** except in the case of serious illness, when a doctor's certificate will be required. Payments are used to secure firm bookings with the companies whose services are engaged for the visit. Please note you are entering into a contract with the event company, hotel, travel or airline company, not the school. Please ensure all payments are made on-line as described by the due date.

Please note the school reserves the right to cancel the place of any student whose behaviour prior to the trip does not meet the school expectations, or whose attendance record is unacceptable. Parents/Carers are advised that this may incur cancellation charges plus a £50.00 administration fee.

If a student's conduct on the trip would have led to a fixed term exclusion from school, parents are expected to collect their daughter/son from the trip destination. Parents would be liable for all associated costs relating to the collection of the student.