



19<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Dear Parent/Carer and Student

## **GEOGRAPHY TRIP TO ICELAND - OCTOBER 2021 (5 DAYS)**

Firstly I would like to thank you for expressing an interest in this unique trip to Iceland. It is great to see so many of you excited at the prospect of visiting this spectacular country. In this turbulent year it is great to be able to offer a trip for the students to look forward to. I am writing with regards to the next important steps in order for students/parents to find out about the trip itself and also how you can sign-up. Please carefully read this letter as it contains important information.

### **How much will the trip cost?**

At this present time, the precise cost of the trip is hard to provide as this ultimately depends upon how many students sign up. Once Discover the World (organising company) and I know the exact number of students and have the respective deposits, firm arrangements can be made with booking flights, in-country accommodation/activities and UK transfers. Only at this point can the exact cost be known. The more students that sign up, the cheaper the trip will be. As long as I receive at least 24 deposits, the trip will go ahead.

Trip price estimate based on number of students: 24 students - £1290\*

### **Will the total price change from what is stated above?**

Between the time that I have received the quote from the Discover the World and deposits being paid, it is possible that the certain elements of the trip may slightly change in price. Unfortunately this is unavoidable, as there are many tailored elements to the trip which are booked/confirmed at different dates. Discover the World issue their quotation as an estimate until all deposits have been paid. Shortly after this point everything can be booked/confirmed. It is anticipated that any changes in price would be small. For instance, our UK transfer between Helston College and Gatwick is normally booked with FT Williams, who provide us with a very competitive price. However, some elements of the trip cost could very slightly fluctuate (although unlikely) at any time, for instance FT Williams would pass on the cost if diesel prices substantially rise.

\*As per the costs above, the estimated maximum cost of the trip is £1290. Please ensure that you are happy with this before signing-up/paying the deposit.

### **What if less than 24 students sign up?**

In the event that this happens, I will aim to organise a new itinerary, which would result in a new price. I would then inform you of the changes, so you can decide if your son/daughter still wishes to participate.

### **What is included in the price?**

- UK coach transfer between Helston College and Heathrow/Gatwick Airport
- Activities and transport whilst in Iceland
- A tour guide for much of the duration of your stay
- Hotel accommodation
- Breakfast, lunch and evening meals



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### What is the itinerary?

Below is the itinerary that I have planned with Discover the World. It gives you a brief outline of the many destinations that will be visited. I would strongly advise you to Google the different places to get an idea of what your son/daughter will be doing and seeing.

### Outline Itinerary

Day 1	Keflavik – Reykjanes peninsula – Bridge between the Continents – Gunnhver – Krysuvik – Overnight Hotel Viking
Day 2	Hellisheidi Geothermal power station – Seljalandsfoss – Sólheimajökull including glacier walk and ice climb – Overnight Hotel Dyrholaey
Day 3	Reynishverfi – Eldhraun – Jökulsárlón including Lagoon trip – Skaftafellsjökull – Kirkjugólf – Overnight Hotel Dyrholaey
Day 4	Skogafoss – Lava Tunnel – Geysir – Gullfoss – Thingvellir – Overnight Hotel Vellir
Day 5	Direct transfer Reykjavik – Keflavik airport.

### When is the trip due to take place?

I am planning for us to fly out to Iceland on Thursday the 28<sup>th</sup> October 2021. The trip would take place during the October half-term and we would return on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2021.

### How do I sign up?

All payments need to be made via ParentPay. The accounts team have set-up an interim payment scheme for your son/daughter with regards to the Iceland trip. If you wish to secure a place on the trip, please pay a non-refundable deposit of £100 into your son/daughter's Iceland ParentPay account by Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November at the latest. This can only be refunded if the trip does not go ahead. If your son/daughter's name is not on the ParentPay list, please contact the Accounts Department (via main reception switchboard) as soon as possible and they will add your son/daughter's name. A breakdown of the payment scheme is below:

**First Deposit:** £100 to be paid by the 20<sup>th</sup> November 2020

**Second Deposit:** £175 to be paid by the 20<sup>th</sup> January 2021

**Full Amount:** June 2021

As well as the deposit payment, please could you also return the reply slip attached to this letter and the Student Personal Details Form directly to me by Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2020. Both the reply slip and Students Personal Details Form are equally as important as the deposit to secure your place.

### What are the booking terms and conditions?

As with all trips of this nature, there are terms and conditions that you need to ensure that are read. Please ensure that these are read and understood prior to signing up. The terms and conditions apply to participants on an individual basis, as well as the group as a whole. They can be found on the Discover the World's website at: <http://www.discover-the-world.co.uk/images/documents/booking-conditions/booking-conditions-education.pdf>



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### **Making sure this trip is right for your son/daughter**

This is truly a once in a lifetime trip for all students, but it obviously comes at quite a cost. Please discuss this trip with your son/daughter to ensure that taking part is the right decision. Personal circumstances can unforeseeably change, but please discuss the following points with your son/daughter:

- All participants need to be still studying at Helston College at the time of the trip.
- If you have concerns about your son/daughter's progress at college, and you wish to ensure he/she is performing well academically before signing up, please contact your son/daughter's subject teachers.

### **Covid-19 and the Iceland Trip**

Due to the current uncertainty regarding international travel, we will be closely following government advice in relation to the viability of the trip. The tour operator have also introduced a number of flexibility arrangements in terms of any potential changes to the trip due to Covid19.

At every stage of the planning and payment deadlines we will re-evaluate the global situation regarding Covid-19 and if or how it affects the viability of the trip.

### **After your son/daughter has signed up:**

After the 20<sup>th</sup> November, I will confirm by letter that the trip is definitely going ahead. I will also provide information regarding the confirmed cost of the trip, payment/instalment dates, itinerary, kit list, passport request, travel insurance details etc.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions, on what promises to be a once in a lifetime experience.

Yours faithfully

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Student Name: ..... Tutor Group: .....

- ✓ I give permission for the above student to participate on the trip to Iceland 2021
- ✓ I acknowledge all of the information outlined in this letter.
- ✓ I have/will pay the deposit of £100 into ParentPay by 20<sup>th</sup> November 2020.
- ✓ I understand that the trip price at present is estimated and could increase slightly.
- ✓ I have read the Discover the World booking terms and conditions.
- ✓ I enclose the Personal Details Information Form as well as this slip.

Further to the Parent Consent Form returned earlier in the year, please confirm either:

☐ There have been no changes to my contact details or my child's medical needs.

OR

☐ There have been changes to my contact details or my child's medical needs and I have requested a replacement form from reception which will be submitted prior to the trip.

Signed: .....  
(Parent/Carer)

Date: .....

**PLEASE RETURN THIS SLIP AND THE STUDENT PERSONAL DETAILS FORM TO DR RYAN IN A14 BY  
WEDNESDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2020**





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## STUDENT PERSONAL DETAILS FORM - GEOGRAPHY TRIP TO ICELAND - OCTOBER 2021 (5 DAYS)

STUDENT DETAILS (AS PER PASSPORT)	
GIVEN FIRST NAME:	
SURNAME:	
DATE OF BIRTH:	
MOBILE NUMBER:	
EMAIL ADDRESS:	
DOCTOR'S NAME AND SURGERY:	

PRIMARY CONTACT DETAILS	
PARENT/CARER'S NAME:	
ADDRESS:	
PHONE NUMBER 1:	
PHONE NUMBER 2:	
EMAIL ADDRESS:	

EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS (IF NECESSARY)	
PARENT/CARER'S NAME:	
ADDRESS:	
PHONE NUMBER 1:	
PHONE NUMBER 2:	
EMAIL ADDRESS:	

KNOWN MEDICAL CONDITIONS/ALLERGIES:
Please provide details of <b>any</b> medical conditions or allergies that the student suffers from that we should be made aware of. Please give details of any medication taken (and when) and how severe the condition is. Leave blank if none exist.

DIETARY REQUIREMENTS
Leave blank if none exist.

Signed: .....  
(Parent/Carer)

Date: .....