



17th January 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

Iceland 2024 Trip Update

This letter is being sent to provide a brief update of the Iceland trip from the 2nd - 5th May 2024.

Firstly, Iceland has been in the news over the past few months and once again on January 14th 2024 as there was a further volcanic eruption near the Reykjanes Peninsula. The town here had been evacuated and people are not in danger with the activity significantly decreasing since the eruption began. Visit Iceland have continued to reiterate that “there is no need for travellers to make changes to their travel plans or take precautionary measures at this time”. Iceland, as a country is largely running as normal so this currently does not affect the trip running this year.

In terms of key dates and timings we are now in possession of the flight and coach transfer details for both departure and return flights. Please see the flight times in the table below.

Departure Date	Departure Airport	Departure Time	Arrival Date	Arrival Airport	Arrival Time	Airline	Flight Number
02/05/2024	Heathrow International Airport	13:05	02/05/2024	Reykjavik–Keflavik Airport	15:15	Icelandair	FI451
05/05/2024	Reykjavik–Keflavik Airport	16:10	05/05/2024	Heathrow International Airport	20:20	Icelandair	FI454

Our coach transfer to Heathrow International Airport will see us leave Etone College at approximately 07:30 and for our return from Heathrow on the 5th May 2024 we will reach Etone College at approximately 23:45. These timings may change nearer the time of the trip.

Please note that the final date for all payments of this trip is January 29th 2024. Payments should be made via your child’s WeDuc account, not in cash.

Failure to pay in full by 29th January 2024 will result in your child being withdrawn from the trip.

Please note that your child will need a valid UK passport to travel and this will need to be valid for at least six months after their return date. Without this, your child will be unable to travel.

Overleaf is a reminder of what is included in the trip including all the exciting things we will be getting up to and seeing during our trip to Iceland this year. Once we have additional information with regards to the breakdown of days and timings there will be a meeting in school for this trip alongside a parent pack including a complete itinerary.



- Return flights & all airport transfers
- Fully comprehensive travel insurance
- 3 Nights' accommodation in Reykjavik Hotel
- Full Board accommodation
- One evening meal at the **Hard Rock Café** in Reykjavik
- **The Blue Lagoon** with an opportunity to relax in the Mineral Rich Geothermal Waters.
- **Golden Circle Guided Tour** including: Visits to Pingvellar (The gap between the Eurasian and North American Plate Boundary), the Triple Drop Gulfoss Waterfalls, Geysers and opportunities to see Geothermal Power.
- **South Shore Guided Tour** including: visits to the recently erupted Eyjafjallajökull Volcano, Skogar and Seljalandsfoss Waterfalls, the Solheimajokull Glacier and the Dyrholaey rock formations. This will also include a trip to the Lava Centre.
- **Reykjavik Sightseeing** including a visit to the Perlan Museum and Flyover Iceland.

Should you have any queries regarding this trip, please contact Mr Hope.

Yours sincerely,



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Head Teacher



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