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Dear Parents/Carers

Iceland 2020

Every year, the Geography department takes forty Year 9 & 10 (current Year 8 & 9) students to Iceland during the Easter Holidays to enhance their Geography studies. I am sending this now to alert you to this and give parents suitable time to consider the trip. At this point, I am simply asking for an indication of interest. I will send further correspondence out in February 2019 to confirm places on this trip.

This trip will provide a wide range of opportunities for your daughter/son whilst the itinerary is fluid, previous trips have included:-

- A swim in the geothermal waters of either the Secret Lagoon or Blue Lagoon
- A thrilling hike (involving crampons and ice axes!) on the Solheimajokul glacier
- Visits to two active volcanoes (Eyjafjallajokull & Hekla)
- A two hour boat trip to (hopefully) watch some of Iceland's whales!
- Observations of unique landscapes including waterfalls, craters, geysers and valleys
- An exploration of the world's most northern capital city, Reykjavik
- Evening activities including swimming and an escape room.
- Hopefully, a chance to see the Northern Lights.

The 5 day visit will be organised by the tour operator Discover the World. The tour will be led by four members of Downlands staff and an experienced tour guide who will remain with the party throughout each of the planned excursions.

The total cost of the trip is yet to be confirmed, I am assured it will not exceed £990. Our 2019 trip is due to cost £975, which includes transfer from Reykjavik airports, flights, four nights' accommodation in 2/3* hotels and hostels, excursions, full insurance and all meals. I am hopeful our 2020 trip will cost similar. Due to the inclusivity of the trip, minimal spending money will be required for students; this will solely be for souvenirs and any extra snacks.

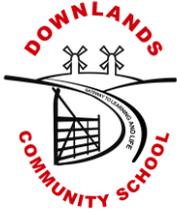
If your son/daughter would be interested in this trip, please complete and return the reply slip overleaf to the Trips Box, FAO Mr M Smith, by Friday 5 October 2018. Please note, this is not a confirmation of a place on the trip. Final places will be confirmed in February 2019.

If you have any questions about this trip, please do not hesitate to contact me on msmith@downlands.org

Yours faithfully

Mr M Smith
Trip Leader/ International Schools Coordinator





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Student: Tutor Group:

I would be interested in my daughter/son taking part in the 2020 Iceland trip.

The school has taken out a School Journey Insurance Policy underwritten by AIG Insurance Plc for each student attending this activity, though claims arising from a pre-existing condition are exempt. The policy includes fixed levels of benefits in respect of Personal Accident and Personal Property. A copy of the policy schedule is available upon request. Any claim made under this policy does not affect your statutory rights.

In respect of legal liability please note the school cannot be held responsible for any loss unless negligent.

Signed: (Parent/Carer)

