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Dear Parents/Carers

Iceland 2020

Due to the high volume of responses I have received with regards to our 2020 Iceland Trip. I have decided to allocate places on the trip earlier than February 2019, in order to allow for parents to plan accordingly. Furthermore, anybody who is unsuccessful on the 2020 trip, will automatically gain a place on the 2021 trip. At this point, I do not know the final dates of the trip, but I can confirm they will be a five day period between Friday 3 and Sunday 12 April 2020. The cost is still to be confirmed, but as previously stated, will not exceed £990.

If you would like your child to attend this trip, please send the attached reply slip for my attention (Mr Smith) via the trips box by **3pm 19 October 2018**. If your child is successful in gaining a place on this trip, I will be requesting a £100 deposit to hold their place. Please do not send any monies at this point. I will confirm places on Monday 29 October and request your first payment by **Friday 30 November**. Please also note, the initial interest letter replies no longer apply, you must return **this attached reply slip** in order to apply for a place on this trip for your child.

When allocating places, students who are currently in Year 9 will receive priority on this trip. For our current Year 8s, I ask that students state their current likeliness to study Geography at GCSE. Whilst I appreciate that at this point, many Year 8s will not have even begun to consider this, this trip will provide most useful for those studying Geography at GCSE.

I have included some details about the trip below, whilst the itinerary is fluid, previous trips have included:-

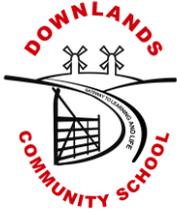
- A swim in the geothermal waters of either the Secret Lagoon or Blue Lagoon
- A thrilling hike (involving crampons and ice axes!) on the Solheimajokul glacier
- Visits to two active volcanoes (Eyjafjallajokull & Hekla)
- A two hour boat trip to (hopefully) watch some of Iceland's whales!
- Observations 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.
- Return flights with IcelandAir from Gatwick to Reykjavik
- 4 nights stay in 2/3* hotels and hostels.
- An experienced, Icelandic guide accompanying the group at all times.
- 4 members of Downlands staff accompanying the group at all times.

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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Please return to the Trips Box, FAO Mr M Smith by Friday 19 October 2018

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Student: Tutor Group:

I would like to apply for my child to attend the above trip, and if successful in gaining a place, will send £100 as a deposit.

Please tick below for your likeliness to study GCSE Geography:

<u>1 – 100% not studying GCSE Geography</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3 – completely undecided</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5 – 100% studying GCSE Geography</u>

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)

