

JOA/TCC

18 October 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

GCSE Geography Iceland Trip

I am delighted to offer your child a place on our visit to Iceland on Thursday 21 to Monday 25 March 2024. This trip has been organised to supplement the classroom learning we complete in the Geography department at Heckmondwike Grammar School. A range of activities are planned, including visits to lava centres, glacial walking, exploring Reykjavik, time at a spa, and studying the coastal landscape. This trip promises to be a memorable one for all involved!

The total cost of the trip is £1350, which includes transfers to and from Manchester airport, flights, accommodation, food, all excursions whilst in Iceland, and a hoodie. Under the School Governors' Charging and Remissions Policy (<u>Charging & Remissions Policy</u>), we request this is paid in instalments on our ParentPay system, by the deadlines stated below:

- Initial deposit £250 Thursday 26 October 2023
- Payment 1 £500 Friday 15 December 2023
- Payment 2 £600 Friday 19 January 2024

Please note, the deposit is non-refundable, and should you need to withdraw your child from the trip, further charges could be incurred if a replacement cannot be found, or to change the name on the plane ticket. Additionally, failure to pay the deposit by the date could mean your childs place will be offered to someone on the waiting list.

Furthermore for your information, when you make payment via ParentPay you will be prompted to provide parental consent for your child to attend this trip and you will also be asked to input your contact /medical details directly into a confidential section of ParentPay.

As well as payment of the deposit, we also need a copy of each child's passport so we can book the flights. Therefore, I would be grateful if you could support me with this by sending your child in with their passport, ensuring this is in date. If there are any issues with this, please get in touch.

Unfortunately our Risk Protection Assurance policy will not offer cover if a student is unable to attend due to having a positive Covid test, hence in such circumstances no refunds would be available.

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Students should bring any routine medication which they usually carry, for example inhalers or EpiPens. However, more information on this and all other facets of the visit will be relayed in an information evening on Thursday 7 March 2024, 18:00-19:00, which we invite yourself and your child to attend.

In the meantime, if you have any questions about the trip, please contact me at school <u>jaudis@heckgrammar.co.uk</u>, and if you have any financial questions, please direct these to <u>finance@heckgrammar.co.uk</u>.

Yours faithfully,

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