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Dear Parent/Carer,

## **Geography Trip to Iceland August 2025 – update**

I wanted to take this opportunity to provide you with some updates for the Iceland trip.

### **1. Information evening reminder**

The trip information evening will take place on **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2025 at 6.00pm** in the Hall. During the evening (it will take about 30-40 minutes), we will explain our plans for the trip, show slides taken on previous visits, discuss clothing required and go through things such as code of conduct. This is an important meeting and we expect every student and his/her parent to attend.

### **2. Student information**

I will be collecting the key information about your child (passport details, contact details etc) using an online form. If you click on this link -

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=q510xXSzK6TjW\\_s7KPIr8tBAQrHeexDmj12oyvFhXdUQVBVS\\_VBYTKVFVDBFQjMzQTNOMEk5OFZJUC4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=q510xXSzK6TjW_s7KPIr8tBAQrHeexDmj12oyvFhXdUQVBVS_VBYTKVFVDBFQjMzQTNOMEk5OFZJUC4u) - you will be able to fill the information in that I require. The link has also been published on the Iceland trip 'Team'. However, the medical form and code of conduct sheet will still be in a paper format (attached to this letter). Please complete these tasks by Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December.

### **3. Payment schedule reminder**

You should have paid so far:

- Initial deposit - £125
- Second payment – 8<sup>th</sup> November 2024 - £110
- Third payment – 7<sup>th</sup> January 2025 - £250
- Fourth payment – 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2025 - £250
- Fifth payment – 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2025 - £250
- Sixth payment – 16<sup>th</sup> April 2025 - £250
- Seventh and final payment – 12<sup>th</sup> May 2025 - £163 (or £176 if 16 or over)

Payments as of 2/12/24 – you should have paid £235 by now.

Paid:

### **Recent volcanic activity**

Volcanism is common in Iceland and currently a volcanic system is restless in the southwestern part of the country. The airport has remained open throughout this episode as the product of the volcano has been lava – unlike the 2010 eruption of Eyjafjallajökull that caused widespread flight disruption across Europe due to ash.

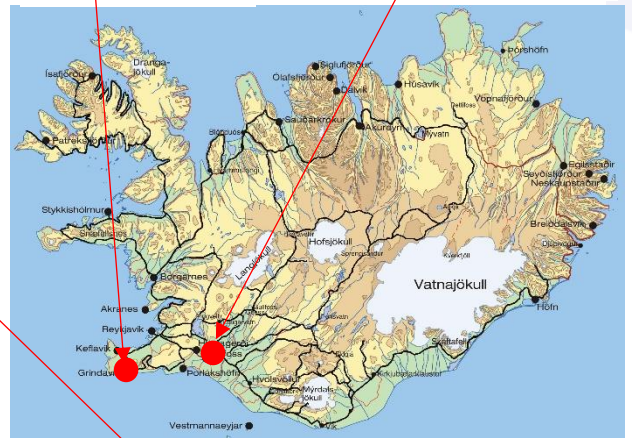
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The ash was created as that volcano erupted under an ice sheet, but the southwestern part of Iceland does not have these, so the current eruptive activity will remain effusive and not be an issue for air travel. The photo below was taken in December 2024.



Site of current eruption

Accommodation (55 miles away)



In the photo above, you can see a recent lava flow, which has threatened the Blue Lagoon. In fact, the lava is now covering the car park! They have built embankments to protect the Blue Lagoon, but it is currently closed. We will monitor this situation and have a 'plan B' nearer the time if we can't go there.

## 5. Passports

At the time of writing (2/12/24), the FCO website states that passports must be less than 10 years old on the day you enter (check the 'date of issue') and valid for at least 3 months after the day you plan to leave (check the 'expiry date'). Please ensure that your child's passports meet these requirements.

If you are not travelling on a British passport, you can read about travel visa here - [Government of Iceland | Embassy of Iceland in London](#) . Iceland is part of the Schengen area.

## 6. Hoody for the trip

If your child wants a hoody, the order form has been provided at the end of this letter. Please return the form to me, but any payment should go to the Finance Office.

Finally, I look forward to meeting you on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April at 6.00pm and in the meantime if you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me by email ([m.bamford@oaklandscatholicschool.org](mailto:m.bamford@oaklandscatholicschool.org)).

Yours faithfully,

Mr M Bamford – Assistant Headteacher/Iceland Trip Leader

### Medical and Consent Form

Name of Establishment: \_\_\_\_\_

Visit: \_\_\_\_\_

Date/s: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Personal Details of Participant

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Surname: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Male / Female (delete as appropriate)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Post Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency contact must be contactable for the duration of the visit / activities

Emergency Contact – 1) Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact – 2) Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Any special dietary requirements? \_\_\_\_\_

#### Medical Information

Name and address of participant's Doctor: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ NHS Number (if known): \_\_\_\_\_

**Has the participant had or have any of the following? *Where 'YES', please give specific details overleaf.***

Asthma or bronchitis	Yes	No	Allergies to any know medication	Yes	No
Heart condition	Yes	No	Other allergies (material, food, animal, plasters)	Yes	No
Fits, fainting or blackouts	Yes	No	Other illness, disability or special needs	Yes	No
Severe headaches	Yes	No	Travel sickness	Yes	No
Diabetes	Yes	No	Sleepwalking	Yes	No
Regular medication	Yes	No	If a residential, overnight care considerations	Yes	No

#### Is the participant receiving:

Support and/or treatment for mental health from their counsellor or Doctor? Yes No

Medical or surgical treatment of any kind from their Doctor or hospital? Yes No

Has the participant been given specific medical advice to follow in emergencies? Yes No

***If the answer to any of these questions is Yes, please give details overleaf (including name, dosage of any medicines)***

If it is considered necessary, do you consent to mild painkillers (Paracetamol) being administered? Yes No

If it is considered necessary, do you consent to hypo-allergenic sun screen being provided? Yes No

Has the participant received vaccination against Tetanus in the last 10 years? Yes No

#### Consent for programmed water sports and water related activities

*(e.g. kayak, canoe, sail, windsurf, rafting, etc., or activities involving water e.g. caving, gorge walking)*

Please tick ONE of the boxes below to confirm the water confidence and swimming capability of the participant.

**Ticking either box confirms your consent to your child undertaking water activities within the programme provided.**

**This information will be passed to the Activities Provider to support any appropriate adjustments for inclusive participation.**

A) My child and or I am water confident and can swim (including can submerge head without becoming distressed).

B) My child and or I am a non-swimmer and/or may be nervous in and around water.

**NB: If the planned water activities require a specific swim distance and or competence to take part, then this should be clearly communicated to the participants and or parent/guardian to gain this information. *If, for any reason, you wish to withhold consent for any activity, this should be detailed in the space overleaf.***

**Medical and Consent Form**

Name of Establishment: \_\_\_\_\_  
Visit: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date/s: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Medical, Support Needs Information for the planned visit: (Add additional sheets if required).

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Consent for the Visit

I confirm that I have parental responsibility for \_\_\_\_\_

He/she is in good health and I consent to him/her taking part in **ALL** activities set out in the visit information.  
*(Any variation to this should be noted overleaf or above).*

I am aware that the travel insurance synopsis is available for viewing in school / the Establishment.  
In the event of illness or accident, I consent to any necessary medical treatment, which might include the use of anaesthetics. In the event of any change to these details, illness or medical treatment occurring after the return of this form and prior to the activity, I will undertake to inform the group leader. I accept that, by their nature, adventure activities and educational visits may involve some level of risk which cannot be fully eliminated, and I consent to my child taking part.

\_\_\_\_\_ Print name here: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed by person with parental responsibility for participants under 18 years of age.

\_\_\_\_\_ Print name here: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed by participant if aged 18yrs and over.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Image Consent - Note to visit leaders - Consent must be obtained if you intend to use images of identifiable young people and adults.

Schools should already have Image Consent in place as part of their enrolment procedures.

All other HCC groups - Photography, video and multimedia consent can be obtained by an additional form found on this webpage-  
<https://hants.sharepoint.com/sites/CESC/SitePages/Guidance-and-consent-forms.aspx?web=1>

GDPR Statement

By signing this form, I confirm my agreement to School / Establishment processing my / my child's personal data for the purpose of supervising and supporting my child on an educational visit. We do this to meet our professional responsibilities to look after you / your child.

This data may be shared with outdoor providers, doctors and other professionals to help us keep you / your child safe.

This data will be retained for one year, other than in the event of an accident/ incident, in line with HCC / School Retention Policy.

You have some legal rights in respect of the personal information we collect from you.

Please see our website Data Protection page for further details: [www.hants.gov.uk/dataprotection](http://www.hants.gov.uk/dataprotection)



# Iceland Hoody Order Form 2025



Deep Black	Jet Black	Black Smoke	Arctic White	Desert Sand	Natural Stone
Vanilla Milkshake	Cornflower Blue	Dusty Blue	Sky Blue	Airforce Blue	Hawaiian Blue
Tropical Blue	Deep Sea Blue	Denim	Ink Blue	Navy Smoke	New French Navy
Oxford Navy	Bright Royal	Royal Blue	Sapphire Blue	Lagoon Blue	Seafoam
Turquoise Surf	Digital Lavender	Dusty Lilac	Dusty Purple	Lavender	Magenta Magic
True Violet	Plum	Purple	Ultra Violet	Wild Mulberry	Apple Green
Dusty Green	Peppermint	Pistachio	Spring Green	Earthy Green	Moss Green
Jade	Bottle Green	Forest Green	Kelly Green	Lime Green	Combat Green
Olive Green	Ash	Moondust Grey	Storm Grey	Shark Grey	Steel Grey
Charcoal	Graphite Heather	Heather Grey	Mocha	Nude	Caramel Toffee
Pumpkin Pie	Caramel Latte	Chocolate Fudge Brownie	Ginger Biscuit	Hot Chocolate	Soft Red
Fire Red	Brick Red	Cranberry	Red Hot Chilli	Red Rust	Burgundy
Burgundy Smoke	Baby Pink	Dusty Pink	Dusty Rose	Candyfloss Pink	Pinky Purple
Festival Fuchsia	Lipstick Pink	Hot Pink	Peach Perfect	Orange Crush	Sunset Orange
Burnt Orange	Sherbet Lemon	Citrus	Sun Yellow	Mustard	Gold

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Tutor Group: \_\_\_\_\_ Size (circle): S M L XL

Colour: \_\_\_\_\_ Colour of stitching/printing (circle): Black White

Nickname (keep it clean!): \_\_\_\_\_

The cost of the hoody will be £25, which can be paid in cash to the Finance Office or you can pay online.

# Code Of Conduct

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## Iceland Trip

Tutor Group: \_\_\_\_\_



There will be times where staff will be showering/getting changed/ sleeping at night, so we cannot actively supervise the students at all times – hence the need for a collective Code of Conduct to ensure that students are aware of how to behave.

### Hotel:

- On arrival, check your room for any damage and report to a member of staff, so that you are not blamed for them.
- Use communal areas for socialising and NOT in each other's rooms.
- Find out the location of the nearest members of staff so you know where to go in case of any problems at night.
- Lock your room in the morning.
- DO NOT lock your door at any time when someone is in the room.
- Stay in your own rooms at night (Mr. Bamford will tell you a time to be in your rooms by), unless you need the toilet.
- Meals:
  - Be prompt.
  - Go to the toilet before coming down.
  - One person to collect water and everyone else stay seated.
  - Wait for a member of staff to call your table up to collect your food.
  - Wait for your table to be dismissed – clean your tables first.
  - No mobile phones/ game devices/ hats at the table

### General rules:

- **Instructions** by Teachers / Course Leaders must be **obeyed** without delay at all times.
- **SMOKING** is not allowed.
- **ALCOHOL** is not allowed to be consumed.
- **PUNCTUALITY** is essential. Know the time and place to meet for coach etc.
- **Always stay on marked paths and obey staff instructions** about where you should be and things such as single-file walking. Iceland can be a dangerous place if students do not follow this rule.
- When walking in Reykjavik – only walk along the two roads that Mr. Bamford instructs you to use. Always stay in at least groups of three.

I agree to the above. If any of these rules are broken (and I am sure they will not!) and behaviour is deemed unacceptable and unsafe then the pupil could be sent home at the cost of the Parents/ Carers.

**Pupil Signature:** .....

**Parent/Guardian Signature:** .....

**Date:** .....