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Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Iceland trip – final arrangements letter

I am writing to confirm the final arrangements for the Iceland trip.

- Passports:** I will collect these from students on the school drive before we get on the coach on the day of departure. ***It is vital that those not travelling on a UK passport have all the necessary paperwork/proof to grant them access back into the UK on our return journey.*** I will look after the passports whilst in Iceland.
- Suitcases:** On the day of departure, the school drive will be open from 07:15. Please do not bring a very large case (ensure that it is less than 23kg - in fact, you won't need anywhere near that for a five-day trip!). Hand luggage must be small enough to fit under the seat on the coach/ fit in the overhead lockers in the plane - 10kg max (55x40x20cm). [Baggage Allowance | Icelandair](#) has further information on baggage, should you require it. Don't forget to pack swimming stuff last so that it is accessible when we are reunited with our cases in Iceland.
- Blue Lagoon update** – at the time of writing, the volcano is not erupting, so the Blue Lagoon is open; we will be going there on the first day.
- Travel arrangements:** We will leave from school by 07:40 *at the latest* on the Sunday 19th July and drive to Heathrow Terminal 2. The flight (fi451) departs at 13:05, arriving in Iceland at 15:15 local time. We will leave Iceland at 16:10 local time (flight fi454) and arrive at Heathrow at 20:20. I expect that we will return to Oaklands at approximately 22:30 on Thursday 23rd July, but we will get students to contact you when we are at the top of the A3.
- Delay in return/ emergency contact:** Hopefully, we will not be delayed on our return journey/ experience a problem whilst out there, but if this is not the case, I have organised a 'telephone tree'. I will make one phone call to Mrs Bonnington and then the parents who kindly offered to act as a leader for a small group of parents will then pass the message on from Mrs Bonnington to the members of their group. Phone numbers and instructions will be provided on the paper copy of this letter that you will receive **if you have been used**. If your child grants you access to their 'Teams' account for the week, I will post information/updates on their Iceland Team page too.
- Accommodation:** We are staying at the Hjardarbol Guesthouse, Hjardarbol 816 Olfus, Iceland - Tel: 00354 567 0045. I know the room allocation; this will be finalised with the students before the end of term.
- Weather:** <http://en.vedur.is/> is the Iceland Met Office website, which is excellent to see what the weather is going to be like.

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8. **Iceland booklets:** Students will be expected to bring their A5 booklet with them on the trip. Please ensure that your child reads through the booklet before packing and knows which muster group they are in – *N.B. Mr Godwin is not coming and has been replaced by Mrs Smith*. Please let me know if your child needs another copy. All previous letters, the booklet and the notes from the information evening can be found on the Iceland 2026 student 'Team'.
9. **EU plug adaptor:** Don't forget it. Perhaps get an extension cable for the room if there are not enough plug sockets.
10. **Currency:** Icelandic Krona is the currency – please ensure that your child has some cash/ a bank card that can be used abroad. I tend to use the Revolut app on my phone for my spending whilst there. Food is provided, but not for the journeys on Sunday and Thursday. Please ensure that your child has money to buy food at Heathrow for lunch on the way out, as it will be a long day. Please contact me if you would like me to look after your child's cash for the duration of the trip.
11. **Medication/Medical Form:** Students with medication should give it to Mrs. Over on the day of departure, should you wish us to look after it. If any changes need to be made to what was written on the medical form already submitted, please inform me as soon as possible.
12. **Final itinerary:** I now know the order of the excursions:
- Sunday: Blue Lagoon, Bridge between Two Continents, Pizza in Grindavik
 - Monday: Heimaey boat trip – climb the Eldfell volcano, coach tour around the island, swimming in the outdoor pool, Gluggafoss waterfall
 - Tuesday: Golden Circle – Kerid volcano, Geysir, Gulfoss etc
 - Wednesday: South coast – Vik, basalt columns, glacier walk (***DON'T FORGET THAT YOU MUST HAVE STURDY BOOTS WITH ANKLE PROTECTION FOR THIS***, as the glacier tour guides could refuse to take you on the glacier, unless you hire boots from them. This costs about £25, which is not in our budget – I will cover the cost on my credit card if necessary, but you would be charged on return), Skogafoss and Seljalandsfoss waterfalls
 - Thursday: Reykjavik in the morning and then fly home.

I think that is everything, but if you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact me – m.bamford@oaklandscatholicsschool.org .

Kind regards,



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