



5th July 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Geography Tour to Iceland ~ Friday 8th April 2022 ~ Monday 11th April 2022

Following the postponement of our planned trip to Iceland in March 2021, we are pleased to now be able to announce that this trip will be running in April 2022. The trip is being organised by specialist group tour operator, [Rayburn Tours](#), who have been operating educational trips for schools since 1965. The trip will be an unforgettable opportunity for students to experience Geography first-hand, supporting their classroom learning and bringing the subject to life.

The total cost of this trip is **£925.00 per student** (based on 40 students attending). Please note the cost of the trip may vary slightly depending on final costing of flights - in the event that flight prices increase.

For those students who are already signed up, their places are secure, and we will be contacting you separately to confirm that you still want the place.

For students who are not currently signed up, there are now spaces available. Although the trip is open to all currently in Years 9 and 10, where there is more interest than spaces, priority will be given to students who are studying Geography at GCSE. We only have 40 places available and if we have more interest than places, we will be holding a ballot to determine who will be offered a place. If there is a ballot and your child has been successful in securing a place, a letter will be sent home confirming this, including details about the trip payment.

Deposit

Once you have received confirmation from the school that your child has been offered a place on the trip, a **£225 non-refundable deposit** will be required and must be paid by via the School Gateway app, to secure your child's place. If your child is not successful in the ballot, they will be placed on a reserve list in case anyone drops out. From our experience, this is the only fair way to ensure that each student has an equal opportunity. **The full balance is due on Friday 28th January 2022, please see payment schedule overleaf.** After your deposit has been received, we will get in touch with a payment schedule. Please note that full payment will need to be made prior to the trip departing.

Payment schedule

Please see payment schedule for the trip, below. It is crucial that all payments are made on time, and within the schedule outlined below:

Deposit Type	Deposit Amount	Payment Due Date
First Deposit	£225 per paying person	30/09/21
Second Deposit	£110 per paying person	11/11/21
Final Balance	Remainder of balance £590	28/01/22

Please note that the cost of this trip is non-refundable. If your child is unable to attend the trip due to a new medical condition, a refund can be claimed through our insurance, if medical evidence is provided. If your child decides that they no longer wish to attend the trip a cancellation charge may apply.

Please see overleaf....

Zurich Insurance

Please note, should this trip not be able to go ahead due to covid travel restrictions in April 2022, the school will be able to recover your monies under the existing insurance provider.

Geography Tour Information Evening for Parents/Guardians

We will be holding an information evening for Parents/Guardians on **Thursday 9th September 4.30pm – 5.30pm**, to provide further trip details and answer any questions. Please email hbattisson@johnferneley.org to confirm your attendance. We will circulate any covid restrictions for this event, should we need to, closer to the time.

Please see table below outlining inclusions of the trip, including the trip itinerary:

Tour Inclusions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Transfers• Return flights to Reykjavik (Keflavik) Airport• 3 nights' accommodation• Meals - full-board basis• Resort coaching• Programme of activities and excursions• Dedicated 'Field Study Tutor' throughout the trip <p>Please see below an itinerary of the tour :</p> <p>Friday 8th April 2022 <i>Arrive in Keflavik at 15.15pm. Reykjanes Peninsula visits - Bridge between the Continents, Gunnuhver Hot Springs.</i></p> <p>Saturday 9th April <i>Glacier Walk on Solheimajokull, Vik/Reynishverfi Beach, Skogafoss, Seljalandsfoss and the Lava Centre.</i></p> <p>Sunday 10th April <i>Secret Lagoon, Gullfoss, Geysir, Efsti-Dalur Farm and Thingvellir.</i></p> <p>Monday 11th April <i>Raufarholshellir Lava Tunnel, time in Reykjavik, Check-in at Keflavik 14.10pm.</i></p>
Travel requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Passport applications: https://www.gov.uk/browse/abroad/passports• EHIC/GHIC applications : http://www.nhs.uk/• We will need to take a photocopy of their passport and EHIC/GHIC.

In the meantime, should you have any further queries about the trip, please do not hesitate to contact myself on the email address below, or **Mrs Battisson (Curriculum Administrator)** at hbattisson@johnferneley.org.

Yours sincerely,

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