



Sir Frederic Osborn School

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Dear Parent / Carer

18th November 2016

Trip to Iceland - April 2018

We are delighted to offer students this very exciting opportunity. In April 2018 (at the start of the Easter break) Sir Frederic Osborn School will be embarking on an overseas field trip to fascinating Iceland. This trip will focus on exploration, adventure and geography/geology and is open to all students in Years 7 to 12.

Iceland is known as the 'Land of Fire and Ice.' An astonishing country with spectacular glaciers, volcanic mountains, wild gorges, stunning waterfalls, Europe's largest wet desert, impressive geysers and a raft of other geothermal features all wrapped up in a centuries-old Norse culture. The benefits of residential field trips are becoming increasingly recognised as an important part of learning and development. The trip will help reinforce classroom learning and will be an exciting adventure, which in turn will translate into students being inspired in both their coursework and exams.

The 5 day trip will take place at the start of the Easter holiday in April 2018 and will be organised by Discover the World. This is our chosen UK tour operator who specialise in student trips and tailor-made holidays to Iceland and beyond. For your peace of mind they are a leading UK travel company and recognised experts in travel to Iceland. They are also accredited by the School Travel Forum, an initiative set up to promote best practice and educational travel. The School Travel Forum companies must provide comprehensive safety management standards and operate within the restrictions of a stringent DEFS Code of Practice. Discover the World has also been awarded the Quality Badge – Learning Outside the Classroom. If you would like more information on Iceland or about Discover the World please visit their website www.discover-the-world.co.uk. I was lucky enough to experience Iceland with Discover the World at my previous school and we had an incredible adventure. We have worked with them again this time to plan an awesome trip.

The cost of the trip will be **£1200.00**. All tour operators include a clause which allows for a small surcharge in the event of significant changes in costs (currency/flight cost fluctuations). In the event of this occurring we will try to absorb the cost within the account, however, we may have to ask for an additional payment in extreme circumstances. I appreciate that this is a large sum of money, however I feel it represents very good value.

The price includes:

- Return flights from London Heathrow with Icelandair.
- Sleeping bag accommodation with possible shared facilities.
- Half board basis – breakfast & evening meal except for one day when lunch is included.
- Taxes & charges.
- Travel Insurance.
- Guide services for all but the first and last day.
- All transportation within Iceland.
- Entry to the Blue Lagoon (Geothermal Spa).
- Eyjafjallajökull volcano visit.
- Whale watching.
- Glacier walk.
- Snorkelling at the Mid-Atlantic Ridge.
- Visits to Skogar and Seljalandsfoss Waterfalls, cliffs and black sand beach at Reynishverfi and Dyrholaey, Kerid volcanic crater lake, Strokkur geyser, glaciers and volcanoes.
- Tour of Geothermal Powerplant at Hellisheidi.
- Protection by Travel Disruption Charter.

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The cost does not include pocket money or money for lunches (except one day) and students will be responsible for buying their own lunches during the trip.

If you would like your son/daughter to attend this trip, please complete and return the permission slip below and pay the initial non-refundable £200.00 deposit via the school's Wisepay system on or before **5th January 2017**. We recommend you return this as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. The following payment schedule will then be in place on the school's Wisepay system:

- £100.00 paid by 28th February 2017 (non-refundable)
- £100.00 paid by 30th March 2017 (non-refundable)
- £100.00 paid by 30th April 2017
- £100.00 paid by 30th May 2017
- £100.00 paid by 30th June 2017
- £100.00 paid by 30th July 2017
- £100.00 paid by 30th September 2017
- £100.00 paid by 30th October 2017
- £100.00 paid by 30th November 2017
- £100.00 paid by 30th December 2017

Students joining this trip must have a good record of conduct in school as we need to ensure we can trust them to behave responsibly. Any student who is disruptive or ill-behaved in school will be removed from the trip and their deposit will be returned at the discretion of Mr J Whelan.

This is a very exciting opportunity that I am delighted to offer our students. If you have any questions please contact me at the school or by email: michael.broad@sfosborn.herts.sch.uk.

Yours sincerely



Mr M Broad
Group Leader

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To the Finance Office

Iceland Trip – April 2018

I would like my child: in Form: to participate in the Iceland Trip during Easter 2018.

I confirm I have paid the initial non-returnable deposit of £200.00 via the School's 'Wisepay' system and I agree to keep to the payments schedule.

Signed:

Full name:

Contact No:

Date: