

Dear Parent/Guardian,

15<sup>th</sup> November 2019

**Activity:** Geography Field Trip to Iceland  
**Dates:** Friday 23 October to Tuesday 27 October 2020  
**Member of Staff:** Mrs C L Bourne

The Geography department are delighted to be running their bi-annual trip to Iceland again, in October half term 2020. The trip will be 5 days and 4 nights long, departing on Friday 23 October 2020 and returning on Tuesday 27 October. We have 40 spaces and the trip is open to all GCSE and A level pupils taking Geography from September 2020. (Current Removes, Current L6th, 4<sup>th</sup> Form taking GCSE Geography and 5<sup>th</sup> Form taking A level Geography.)

Iceland is known as the 'Land of Fire and Ice'; an astonishing country with spectacular glaciers, volcanic mountains, wild gorges, stunning waterfalls, impressive geysers and a raft of other geothermal features all wrapped up in a centuries-old Norse culture. We will be visiting many of these spectacular physical features, which are covered in the GCSE and A level specifications, rivers, tectonics, coasts, glacial environments and geothermal energy.

The 4 night, 5 day trip is organised through Select School travel, our chosen UK tour operator, who specialise in pupil trips 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 ATOL protected and if you would like more information on Iceland or about Select Schools Travel, please visit their website, [www.selectschooltravel.com](http://www.selectschooltravel.com)

Day 1	Fly to Keflavik Transfer accommodation via <b>Reykjanes Peninsula Tour</b> : Bridge Between Continents, Gunnhver & Lake Kleifarvatn Evening meal in accommodation	Overnight Hvolsvollur Hotel
Day 2	Breakfast in accommodation Guided Golden Circle Tour: <b>Hellisheidi Geothermal Power Station</b> , Thingvellir National Park, Gullfoss waterfall, Strokkur geyser, <b>Secret Lagoon</b> Evening meal in accommodation	Overnight Hvolsvollur Hotel
Day 3	Breakfast in accommodation Kviarjokull, Jokulsarlon & <b>Amphibian Boat Tour</b> , Diamond Black Sand Beach with its natural Ice Sculptures, Svinafellsjokull, Skaftafell National Park Centre short stop, Svartifoss (time & weather permitting), Evening meal in accommodation	Overnight Dyrholaey Hotel
Day 4	Breakfast in accommodation Guided South Shore Tour: Vik Woollen Mill Shopping, Reynisfjara Black Sand Beach, Skogafoss waterfall, Seljalandsfoss waterfall, <b>Glacier Walk on Solheimajokull, Lava Centre</b> Evening meal in accommodation	Overnight Hvolsvollur Hotel
Day 5	Breakfast in accommodation Transfer to airport, via <b>Reykjavik City (self-guided)</b> & <b>FlyOver Iceland</b> , for flight back to the UK	

The approximate cost of the trip will be **£1250.00**. This is based on 40 pupils. This includes the cost of flights, transfers, insurance, accommodation, all food and excursions. It does not include any additional spending money the pupils may wish to take with them.

The minimum numbers to make the trip viable is 40 pupils, please be aware that we may not be able to run the trip if numbers do not reach the minimum or the cost may increase if we have fewer than 40. We will of course keep you informed of this.

If you would like your son or daughter to attend, please fill in the permission slip on the attached sheet by the end of term along with the deposit of **£200** to confirm your place. To submit deposits:

1. Please send in a cheque for **£200** made payable to Dean Close Foundation
2. Make a payment of **£200** directly into the school bank account, in which case the details are:

Account Name: Dean Close Foundation  
Account No: 10292443 Sort Code: 40-17-09

Please reference your payment with the code: Iceland 2020 and your son/daughter's name.

This will allow us to secure flights and accommodation and confirm the final cost. The payment for the trip will be broken down into 3 separate instalments due approximately on the following dates:

<b>13 Dec 2019</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Instalment of £200</b>
<b>2 March 2020</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Instalment of £500</b>
<b>1 June 2020</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Instalment of £550</b>

If you have any questions, please contact me at [clbourne@deanclose.org.uk](mailto:clbourne@deanclose.org.uk)

Yours faithfully

Mrs C L Bourne  
Head of Geography  
Trip Leader

**Please complete and return the below slip no later than the 29<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

**Declaration:**

I \_\_\_\_\_ (guardian / parent name) agree to my child  
\_\_\_\_\_ (pupil name as per passport) taking part in the above  
mentioned visit and agree to his/her participating in any or all activities described. I have read the  
attached letter and am aware of the activities involved.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ (Parent / Guardian)      Date \_\_\_\_\_