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Dear Parent/ Guardian,

Iceland Fieldtrip - 4th Form Geography

The Geography Faculty will be offering the opportunity for all Fourth Form geography students to go on a residential fieldtrip to Iceland at the end of the summer term. Iceland is in many ways the perfect destination for a school Geography fieldtrip. The amazing landscapes are truly unique, the processes and landforms are all around and, once in Iceland, students begin to fully appreciate real geographical awe and wonder. I myself have visited Iceland 8 times, undertaking both academic research and School trips there.

It is a fieldtrip packed full with activities: a visit to Great Geysir and Strokkur geyser; trips to impressive waterfalls including Gullfoss and Skogafoss; a visit to Solheimajokull – a retreating glacier; a day studying Iceland's spectacular southern coastline, dry suit snorkelling in a fissure of the Mid Atlantic Ridge – literally swimming between tectonic plate boundaries after just visiting Pingvellir; a lava tube caving experience, a Super Jeep tour driving up to the crater of Eyjafjallajökull; a relaxing 'swim' in 'The Blue Lagoon'; a tour of Iceland's largest geothermal power station; a visit to the Lava centre and an excursion to the island of Heimaey to climb Eldfell volcano. This is an action-packed trip which will bring the geography of this wonderful island to life!

The travel company we use is Rayburn Tours – perhaps the most reputable tour company for Schools. We will depart on Sunday 28 June 2020 and return on Friday 3 July 2020. We will be based in an ideally-located hotel – Hotel Ork, Hveragerði.

Insurance will be provided by the school, although you can take out your own travel insurance if you wish. All participants must have a valid British or EU passport; non-EU citizens may have to apply for a visa.

Cost of trip and payment

The all-inclusive cost of the trip will be between £1650 and £1700 based on between 40 and 65 pupils going. This will include flights from Manchester to Keflavik, all meals, accommodation, transport and day excursions; it will not include extra drinks, snacks and spending money. The arrangements for payment are as follows:

- *In order to secure a place on the trip we will need either a deposit cheque of £235.00, made payable to Shrewsbury School, by 1st October 2019 or a bank transfer (see details on form). Please complete the form attached and send it to me, together with the deposit cheque or indicate bank transfer.*
- *The remaining balance will be added to the termly bills as follows. One sum of £735.00 in the Lent Term bill, issued in December 2019. A final sum of £735.00 will be taken in the Summer Term bill, issued in April 2020.*
- *Any money left over will be returned to parents.*

*I am afraid in order to meet the deadline of the quote for flights – **all deposits will need to be made by 1st October 2020.***

*The school's policy on withdrawal from school trips can be found below, for your information. Also, in the interest of clarity, we cannot confirm the exact cost of the trip until we book the flights (for which we will need the names of all members of the party) – with this in mind, the cost may go up or down. It is also a requirement that your son or daughter's passport has **at least six months left before expiry** prior to our return to the UK in July 2020.*

Withdrawal from Trip on Non-Medical Grounds

- *Should your son or daughter withdraw from the trip after the flights have been purchased, the cost of the flights is non-refundable*.*
- *Should your son or daughter withdraw from the trip after the final payment of accommodation and transport, the total cost of the trip will be non-refundable*.*

** Should the School be able to find a replacement at these points in time, the appropriate monies paid will be refunded less any administration costs incurred.*

The School's travel policy cover includes the ability to claim any payments made towards the tour should your son or daughter withdraw due to the death, injury or illness of a close relative that necessitates the presence in the UK of your son or daughter.

Withdrawal from Trip on Medical Grounds

The School's travel insurance policy is effective once the deposit has been paid and the confirmation slip that your son or daughter is participating in the trip has been received. In order to adhere to the policy, it is imperative that any medical conditions and medication are included on the form and that you inform Sarah Coombe at slcoombe@shrewsbury.org.uk of any subsequent changes between signing the form and the trip. Should your son or daughter withdraw from the trip on medical grounds, a claim can be made via the School, to recover the payments you have made, less an excess payment. In order to claim, a medical form completed by your son or daughter's doctor must be submitted with the claim detailing why your son or daughter is unable to participate on the trip. If you would like further information on this, please contact Sarah Coombe at slcoombe@shrewsbury.org.uk.

In the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact me if there are any further questions – it promises to be an excellent trip.

Yours faithfully,

*Oliver Russell
Head of Geography*

**GEOGRAPHY TRIP TO ICELAND – JULY 2020
APPLICATION FORM**

Name of Pupil (as it appears on the passport)	
House	
Date of Birth	
Passport Number	
Expiry date of passport	
Country of issue of passport	

MEDICAL INFORMATION

Please supply any relevant medical information in the box below (*please use a further sheet if necessary*):

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I am happy for my son / daughter to take part in the Geography Trip to ICELAND in July 2020 and I enclose a deposit of £235.00 made payable to Shrewsbury School.

Name of parent or guardian			
I enclose a cheque (to include name of son/daughter on reverse)		I have made a Bank Transfer (see below for details)	
Signature of parent or guardian			
Date			

Bank details for bank transfer:

Name of Bank: Svenska Handelsbanken AB (publ)
 Name of Account: Shrewsbury School
 Account Number: 56384182
 Sort Code: 40-51-62
 IBAN Number: GB98 HAND 405162 56384182
 Swift/BIC Code: HANDGB22

Please use the following payment reference: 'lastname'/Iceland20