



Headteacher: Mr M Warren

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Trip to Iceland Friday 25th October 2019 to Monday 28th October 2019

The geography department at Presdales School is delighted to offer students a very exciting opportunity. Next October half-term, we will be embarking on an overseas field trip to Iceland. The trip is open to Year 12 Geography students and Year 11 students who have opted to study geography next year.

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 bring the text book alive, which in turn should translate into students being inspired in both their course work and exams.

The four day trip will be organised by Discover the World, 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 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 for Learning Outside the Classroom. If you would like more information about Discover the World please visit their website.

We hope to include in our itinerary:

- A tour of the Golden Triangle including the geysirs, Gullfoss, a spectacular waterfall and Thingvellir national park
- A visit to the amazing black basalt beaches of the southern coastline which takes in more beautiful waterfalls on the way, including one that you can walk through/behind
- A swim in the Blue Lagoon

The total cost of the visit will be in the region of £900 - £950 depending on the final number of students, which includes return flights to Iceland (airline to be confirmed), accommodation at half board with two packed lunches included (days 2 and 3), insurance and travel/entry to all of the different educational sights on the itinerary.

To secure a place for your child on this trip the school requires a non-refundable deposit of £200. This needs to be paid by Monday 18th March 2019. This will be followed by 4 x payments of £200 to be paid in April, May, June and July, the last payment being adjusted according to the final number of students taking part. We will inform you of the final total as soon as numbers have been confirmed and the airline has been selected with tickets on sale. The school is obligated to pay the full amount outstanding to Discover the World 10 weeks before the date of travel.

Therefore each pupil who would like to attend needs to hand in the reply slip with an initial cheque of £200 made payable to Presdales School. Please note that this deposit will be non-refundable if a place is offered on the trip. **Only a cheque will be accepted, no cash or Wise Pay payments will be allowed for the initial deposit,** for subsequent payments you will be able to pay by credit or debit card via the wise pay portal which can be accessed through the school website.



Should the trip be oversubscribed, places will be allocated by lottery after the closing date of Monday 18th March. Students who do not gain a place initially will be placed on a waiting list, and their deposits refunded.

All slips and deposits should be handed in to the school office by Monday 18th March 2019. A further letter will be sent out to you confirming that your child has been successful in gaining a place on this trip. Should you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Students will need their own passport with at least 6 months validity remaining on date of travel and European Health Insurance Card in order to travel (A requirement at the time of writing)

Yours faithfully

Mrs L. J. Hyslop
Head of Geography

Please return to Mrs Eyre in the Main School Office by Monday 18th March

Year 12/13 Trip to Iceland **Friday 25th October to Monday 28th October 2019**

I give permission for to attend the Geography trip to Iceland. I enclose a £200 cheque non-refundable deposit made payable to Presdales School

Signed.....Parent/Carer of (please print)

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Please return to the school office by Monday 18th March 2019