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Dear Parent / Guardian,

Iceland Trip, April 2022

This really is a once in a life-time trip to visit the land of Ice and Fire: Iceland. We are very fortunate to secure 35 places for 4 action-packed days.

Summary of the trip:

When 11 April 2022 to 14 April 2022, subject to flights
Where Reykjavik, Iceland
Cost Approx. £900 - £970
Deposit £150

At the moment the flights are not on sale for April 2022, so the price is currently an estimate. The total cost of the trip is excellent value for money considering the activities they will be doing. There are, however, additional costs that you will need to factor into the overall cost, which are highlighted below.

What is included on the trip?

- Flights from a Northern Airport to Keflavik International Airport
- UK coach transfers
- Airport transfers in Iceland
- Hotel on a bed and breakfast basis
- Golden Circle Day (visits to include Þingvellir National Park, Gullfoss waterfall, the Strokkur Geysir geothermal area, hot springs and the Hellisheiði plateau)
- South Shore Day (visits to include stops at the spectacular waterfalls of Seljalandsfoss and Skógarfoss, the beautiful sided village of Vík and Reynishverfi, a black sand beach with views of sea stacks and Dyrolaey. There are views of the Eyjafjallajökull volcano, which erupted in March 2010)
- Visit to the Blue Lagoon
- Glacier Walk on Solheimajokull (a glacier tongue extending south from the Mýrdalsjökull Glacier)
- National Guide for tours
- Visit around the city of Reykjavik
- Visit to the Laugardalslaug swimming pool
- 2 course meal and soft drink at Hressingarskalinn Restaurant
- 2 course meal and soft drink at Hamburger Factory
- 2 course buffet meal and soft drink at Potturinn & Pannan
- UK Airport Assistance (outbound and arrival)
- Travel insurance

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What is not included?

- Travel visas (if necessary) and passports
- Hotel security deposit
- Public transport costs unless specified
- Lunch (each day the coach visits services along each route that have fast food options)
- Walking boots, winter jacket and salopettes – these can be hired and more details will follow

How to secure a place

We expect the trip to be popular, so places will be issued on a first-come, first-served basis in order of payments through MCAS. **Please pay the deposit of £150 online through MCAS and bring into school the initial deposit slip attached to this letter.** At this time, the deposit will be refundable until we receive the final confirmed price from the travel company. The deposit secures a provisional place for your child.

Once the travel company has confirmed the price of the trip, I will write to all parents who have secured a place with the confirmed cost of the trip. You will then have two options:

- a) Confirm you would still like your child to take part in the trip. You will then need to return the permission slip that will accompany the confirmation letter. Once we receive a signed permission slip, the deposit will be non-refundable.
- b) Withdraw your child from the trip and receive a refund on your deposit.

What happens if I haven't secured a place?

You will be placed on the reserve list, which will also operate on a first-come, first-served basis. If a place becomes available on the trip, the group leader will contact you to see if you would like to take up the place. Places become available throughout the year, so it is wise to begin saving for the trip in the event you are contacted.

Covid Cancellation Protection

The travel company guarantees the following Covid Cancellation Protection:

Applicable to bookings where Initial Deposits are paid by 31 July 2021 with dates of travel between 1 September 2021 and 31 March 2023.

- Applies to all paying members of your group.
- In the event of a COVID interruption to your travel arrangements, we will look to rearrange your trip and move all monies paid to a mutually agreeable future date. If no suitable alternative date can be found, we will waive any cancellation charges that would ordinarily be payable, and provide a full cash refund.
- Full cash refund protection is applicable to all monies paid and refunds will be made in the event that your trip is interrupted by COVID, including:
 - any Government-imposed lockdowns, regional or national, in either your place of origin or at the destination, that prevent your travel;
 - DfE, Education NI, Education Scotland & Welsh Government guidance against school travel;
 - inability to travel due to quarantine of the group, a paying group member or accompanying adult (where no replacement can be found), as a result of Government guidance;
 - your destination is not on the Government's green list at the point of travel;
 - FCDO advising against all but essential travel to your destination.
- The 'Book with Confidence' promise protects you against potential COVID interruptions and is not a replacement for a comprehensive and valid insurance policy.

If in the meantime you have any questions about the trip, please don't hesitate to contact me on the contact details at the top of the letter. Please detach and return the initial deposit slip to student reception with deposit.

Yours faithfully,



Mr S. Miller
Head of Science

AIREDALE ACADEMY – Science Department (S MILLER)

Re: Iceland 2022 Trip Initial Deposit Slip

Name _____ Year Group _____

I would like to place an initial, refundable deposit of **£150** to secure a place provisionally on the Iceland trip in February 2022.

I understand the cost of the trip will be confirmed at a later stage, where I can choose to withdraw my child and receive a refund.

Signed _____ (Parent/Carer) Date _____