

18 January 2018

Dear Parents/Carer

**Visit to Iceland 5<sup>th</sup> October – 8<sup>th</sup> October 2018**

**We have arranged a visit to Iceland for 30 students from 5<sup>th</sup> October – 8<sup>th</sup> October 2018.**

The visit will be organised through the travel company 'Discover the World'. A highly reputable company, with considerable experience in organising trips to Iceland.

Iceland is an amazing country with a vast range of landscapes including glaciers, volcanoes, waterfalls, geysers and hot mud pools. During our visit we will be accompanied by an experienced guide who will endeavour to provide our students with an unforgettable experience.

Our travel agent has suggested we use three different hotels whilst in Iceland. This will give us the opportunity to see as much of the area as we can. On the second day we are accommodated in a country hotel. It is also 9km from the nearest settlement and therefore, light pollution is at a minimum giving us the best opportunity of seeing the Northern Lights.

The cost of the trip will be **£950.00**, based on 30 students participating, and this includes:

- Return coach travel from school to Manchester Airport
- Return flight from Manchester to Reykjavik (Keflavik International Airport)
- 3 nights half-board accommodation, all rooms with private facilities:
  - a. 5<sup>th</sup> October – Hotel Cabin Borgartuni Reykjavik
  - b. 6<sup>th</sup> October – Hotel Hvolsvollur , Hvolsvollur
  - c. 7<sup>th</sup> October – Hotel Vellir Hafnarfjordur
- Comprehensive insurance

Basic outline of itinerary: A more detailed one will be provided

5<sup>th</sup> October 2018 – Flight 13.25 – arrive Iceland 15.00

Visit to the Blue Lagoon

Transfer to hotel

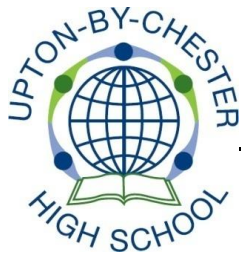
6<sup>th</sup> October 2018 – Travel to the southern coast – Visit to a variety of landscapes including volcanoes, ,waterfalls, glaciers – including glacier walking with an experienced glacier guide who will teach students how to use basic ice equipment.

7<sup>th</sup> October 2018 – Visit one of the most famous Icelandic waterfalls- Gullfoss, Thingvellir National Park - to see the Mid Atlantic Ridge, geysers and hot springs.

8<sup>th</sup> October 2018 – Return to Manchester on the 8.00 flight arriving 11.35 – transfer to Upton High School via coach.

The trip will be accompanied by experienced staff.





## Learning to shape the future

Headteacher: Mrs P Dixon BA(Hons), NPQH

You will know that school trips have had a lot of publicity in recent years. We have experience of running many trips and have learnt that safety only becomes an integral part of a trip when everyone involved is aware of the risks and accepts individual responsibility for their actions. We have high expectations of students and only those who can meet those expectations should apply for the places. Should you wish your son/daughter to take part please ensure that they are suited to the demands that will be placed on them.

We expect that students, with the help of staff and parents, will be prepared, both physically and mentally for the demands of the trip. In particular:

- students should already have demonstrated by their behaviour in school that they are suitable to participate in the trip.
- they should make the effort to be fit enough to take advantage of the trip. (Fitness increases both safety and enjoyment.)
- they should be able to behave sensibly and appropriately especially when not under direct supervision.
- they should not attempt to purchase or use alcohol or tobacco or any other illegal substance. If they cannot resist the use of these substances they should not apply for a place.
- they should be aware that breaches of discipline will be treated as if the student were at school and the same disciplinary measures will apply. The Head teacher requires a report after every residential visit and this may be passed to appropriate members of the Governing Body.
- students must be able to accept that they are part of group which represents this school and that they have responsibilities to the group and the school.
- students and parents will be asked to sign a code of conduct before the trip.

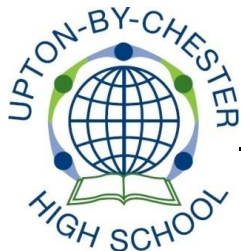
**As you have already shown an interest in your son/daughter participating in this visit, please complete the return slip below and return it to Mrs Mitchell. Your son/daughter should then take a deposit cheque for £100.00 to Student Reception. Cheques should be made payable to Upton High School Fund by Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2018 as the company can only hold flights for us until this date.**

(A) You should note that withdrawal from the trip would result in loss of this deposit unless a suitable replacement party member can be found.

(B) Additionally, your child's participation in this trip will be reviewed if he or she is involved in disciplinary misconduct during a school-related activity, or in any incidents outside school that might question his or her suitability. If the school decides, in view of the nature of the misconduct, that your child's participation would jeopardise the health, safety or enjoyment of other party members, they may exclude him/her from the activity. In such an event all deposits and subsequent payments received will be refunded provided the contractual obligations to the travel company can be met or a replacement found. However if it is not possible to meet the contractual obligations or to find a replacement then no refund will be provided.

Your son/daughter will need a valid passport to travel.





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There will be an introductory meeting for students after half term and a detailed meeting for parents and students in early September 2018

Yours faithfully

**Mrs K Mitchell**

Party Leader – Head of Geography

### Upton-by-Chester High School ICELAND TRIP – October 2018 – Reply Slip

Name of student ..... Form .....

I wish my son/daughter to participate in the visit to Iceland 5<sup>th</sup> October – 8<sup>th</sup> October 2018

This form and cheque must be handed in by Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2018

Students will be provided with details on how to pay their remaining balance in instalments. The final payment will be required in early July 2018

I confirm that I have read the terms and conditions outlined above and understand that if for any reason we/school need to withdraw your son/daughter from the trip the deposit will be forfeited unless a suitable replacement can be found.

Signed: ..... Parent/Carer

Date: .....

