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Dear Parents/Carers

Awe and Wonder trip to Iceland 30 October 2022 - 2 November 2022

I am writing this letter to provide you with information regarding the above trip. This is a rescheduled trip that was due to take place in 2022. As your son/daughter had previously secured a place on the trip, I am offering a priority place for this one if they are still interested in going.

The intention is to run a similar trip to the one that has previously been planned with Discover the World, but hopefully it will also include a visit to the new eruption site at Fagradalsfjall, which you may have seen in the news this year.

Although I am still in consultation with the company regarding the structure of each day I am in a position to give you a breakdown of the trip;

- a 4 day, 3 night visit to South West Iceland
- a visit to Geysir geothermal hot springs
- glacier visit at Sólheimajökull (for this trip and for the first time, I have also included a walk on it!)
- a swim at the world famous Blue Lagoon geothermally heated outdoor pools
- visits to the spectacular Gullfoss and Selfoss waterfalls
- Visit to Fagradalsfjall (volcanic site)
- sightseeing in Reykjavik
- hopefully, a chance to see the Northern Lights (weather permitting)
- coach travel from school to the airports and during our time in Iceland

There was a phenomenal response when this trip was advertised in 2020 and initially places will be offered to year 10 (the original group), but depending on numbers the trip may also be opened to another year group. I am hoping to take 50 students and based on these numbers the provisional cost will be £960 (slightly higher than the previous trip due to adding the glacier walk). This includes the flights, transport to and from the airport, all food, accommodation and the visits above (please note that the more students that go the cheaper it gets, so it is possible that the final price may be slightly lower than this). Although I do not have precise flight details as yet, the visit will leave school at approx. 8am on Sunday 30 October 2022 and will return about midday Wednesday 2 November 2022. To ensure maximum time in Iceland, we will be flying from Manchester to Keflavik International Airport on the outward and vice versa on the return flight. There are limited flights leaving Iceland each day so we are restricted on options.

I am proposing at this stage that payments will be made in monthly instalments across 10 months, but I will know more once the booking proceeds. I fully appreciate in the current economic climate that this information on payments is vital and I have ensured that the cost is spread out as much as possible.

The proposed payments for the final amount are overleaf, with payments needed by the end of each of the following months (can be paid early in the month if easier).

2021	September	£100 (Deposit to secure place)
	October	£100
	November	£100
	December	£85
2022	January	£85
	February	£85
	March	£85
	April	£80
	May	£80
	June	£80
	July	£80
	Total	£960

Please be aware that if your son/daughter no longer wants to be a part of the trip, or their behaviour dictates this, then refunds will not be made unless you can find someone to replace them. Even if a replacement is found, if passport details need to be amended additional costs may be incurred.

To secure the trip I will need to provide a deposit of £100 per person by the end of September 2021. This will allow us to book the cheapest flights. Forms and monies should be returned, in a clearly marked envelope with the name of the trip and the student's name, to reception during morning registration by this date. At this stage we ask for cash or a **cheque, which should be made payable to Pensby High School** with students name and form written on the reverse. Once we have a list of students you will be able to make payments available online.

Once I know numbers I will be able to issue further details regarding Covid and travel requirements. **As it stands all travelers entering Iceland must be fully vaccinated and provide proof of this.** To support this, the Government is in the early stages of offering a vaccination to 11-15 year olds and I will update you as I know more about how this will affect our trip. However, at this time you might be vaccinated to enter Iceland. Equally, Iceland operates its own system of Covid Control and the school has no control over these, please ensure you are comfortable with current travel advice.

The school budget is such that there is not the ability for the school to fund school trips, without having a detrimental impact on the funds available for teaching and learning across the school, therefore regular payments are required to allow trips to happen. The money given by parents/carers is used to pay for transport, entrance fees, and tickets etc. that allow the trip to take place. Money is not held by the school and it is passed to a third party.

For the avoidance of any doubt the school does not provide refunds if your child is unable to go on the trip for any reason. If your child is ill then you may claim on your own travel insurance if it covers such eventualities - the school does not have such insurance for your child. If you or your child's actions cause them not to be able to go on the trip (for example not returning signed permission by the required deadline, being excluded from school, being told their behaviour in school is such that they can no longer go on the trip) then the school will not provide a refund of any monies paid.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact me on the number above or by email to nwhorwood@psf.wirral.sch.uk.

Yours sincerely

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**Miss N Whorwood
Head of Humanities**

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I understand that by paying the £100 non-refundable deposit I will be committing to the trip and agreeing to the monthly payment arrangements. If I decide at a certain point that my son/daughter no longer wants to attend or their behaviour dictates this, and can't find anyone to replace them, then I will not be entitled to a refund.

Student Name..... Form

Parental Signature Date