



11th July 2023

Dear Parent / Carer,

Geography Trip to Iceland

The Buckingham School values the benefit that school trips can have on a student's wider cultural understanding. It is for this reason that we are planning an exciting 4-day residential trip for Year 9 and 10 students to Iceland. The trip will run during the Easter break from the morning of Monday 8th April 2024 and returning on the Thursday 11th April 2024.

This trip is designed to support students' learning; enabling them to experience local cultures as well as enhance and supplement their education in terms of their moral, cultural and social development.

The trip will include trips to the following locations;

- The Blue Lagoon spa resort
- Skogafoss, Gullfoss and Seljalandsfoss waterfalls (Pupils will get the opportunity to walk behind Seljalandsfoss waterfall, weather permitting)
- Strokkur - an active geyser
- Walk around the crater of Kerid volcano
- A Geothermal power station
- Visit Reykjavik – Iceland's capital city

The price of the proposed trip is £1,150 and there are 40 places available. The cost of the trip will include:

- Coach travel from Buckingham School to and from the airport
- All meals
- Accommodation
- Flights

If you would like your child to go on this trip, please click on the following link to complete the Expression of Interest Form: <https://forms.gle/4vcBrmCJwiPysjdk6>

Please submit your response by 5pm on Wednesday 19th July 2023. Once all forms are in, if we have more interest than places available, allocation will be made by random selection of unidentifiable entries to ensure fairness.

If your child gains a place on this trip, you will be informed in writing and a deposit of £150 will need to be paid via ParentMail by 11th September 2023 to secure their place. At this same time, you will be also asked to sign and return a Parental Agreement and a Medical Questionnaire. The Medical Questionnaire will be emailed to you separately and will come from a company called Evolve; please be aware this may go to your spam folder. If you have not received this by 30th September 2023, please email smerritt@buckinghamschool.org to request for this to be re-sent to you.

The School will confirm the booking with the Tour Operator on behalf of those students wishing to go on the trip. It is understood that all conditions of the booking are accepted and one such condition is that

The Buckingham School is concerned that every student should have the opportunity to attend school activities/obtain equipment, regardless of their financial circumstances. As such, it may be possible to subsidise those students who would otherwise be unable to attend trips/purchase items. Please feel free to write in confidence to finance@buckinghamschool.org, if you wish to seek assistance, or obtain more information about Pupil Premium funding.

deposits are non-refundable once your child's place has been confirmed and deposits have been forwarded to the Tour Operator.

Payment Schedule – payments due by:

11 th September 2023	£150.00 - Deposit to secure place
1 st October 2023	£200.00
1 st November 2023	£200.00
1 st December 2023	£200.00
1 st January 2024	£200.00
1 st February 2024	£200.00 – Final Balance

Once the booking has been accepted by the Tour Operator, I shall write to you confirming your child's place on the trip and inform you of a date for a pre-departure meeting where the finer details and itinerary of the trip will be discussed.

In the meantime, should you have any questions or concerns, or would like further information regarding this trip, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

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