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Dear Parents / Carers

Geography Trip to Iceland: - 23rd October 2026 - 27th October 2026

Iceland is only 143 days away (**as at 2nd June**), and we have some important information to share with you and hopefully spread some excitement!

Reminder to Pay

Please see the payment schedule below. The next instalment is **due by 1st July**.

Initial deposit	£300	PAID
2 nd payment	£300	PAID
3 rd payment	£500	PAID
Remaining balance	£569	Payment due by 01/07/2026

Parent Meeting

There will be a parent meeting a few weeks before the trip, where we will host a short presentation followed by questions, and the collection of passports and EHIC/GHICs. Please bring these with you, and any questions you may have. This meeting date is to be confirmed in September.

Passports and GHIC/ EHIC cards

We now require a copy of your child's valid passport and GHIC/EHIC card.

Please ensure that your child's passport has **at least 6 months' validity remaining from the date of travel**. Contact us as soon as possible if your child's passport does not meet this requirement.

Please send scanned copies showing the full passport photo page and the full GHIC/EHIC card to Jo Collis (jo.collis@edgbarrowschool.co.uk) by **12th June** so they can be submitted to the tour operator for processing.

Physical copies of your child's Passport and GHIC/EHIC card should be brought to the parent meeting in late September (date TBC).

Kit list

Please see below a suggested kit list provided by our Tour Operator, so you can hopefully take advantage of any summer sales on layers and get prepared.

- Swim wear & towel
- Waterproof jacket & trousers
- Walking boots
- Woolly hat, scarf & gloves
- Day bag or small rucksack
- Walking trousers, leggings or jogging bottoms
- Warm jumpers and socks
- **Layers!**
- Camera
- EU adaptor
- Sunglasses
- Lip balm
- Passport & EHIC/GHIC card
- One checked bag of 20kg
- One small hand luggage bag
- Spending money- enough for food at the airport, souvenirs and snacks. The local currency is Icelandic Krona, and a reminder that Iceland is a very expensive destination.

Dietary requirements

If your child has had any recent dietary changes, please could you update us with those as soon as possible so we can inform the airline and hotel.

Hoodies

The price of the hoodies is included in the trip price. Please follow this link to place your order:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfJbAqBJrhcbHiazs11hxFNkbbmjK6i4dqXGW5OC4IOZSCpxQ/viewform?usp=publish-editor>

Change of Departure Time

We originally advised that departure for the airport would be at 3:30 am. This has now been brought forward to 3am to ensure we have enough time to get through the airport smoothly, particularly with such a large group. Students should therefore arrive at school at **2:30am**. Thank you for your cooperation.

Itinerary (subject to change)

Friday 23rd Oct Arrival & Reykjavik

- 2.30am arrival at school (Bring Breakfast and Lunch or money for Airport)
- 3am coach leaves for Heathrow Airport
- 7:35am flight BA800 to Keflavik
- 9.40am Arrive Keflavik
- 11.30-13.30 Perlan Wonders of Iceland, an interactive museum exploring Iceland's glaciers, volcanoes, climate, and natural landscapes.
- 13.30-14.30 Free time for lunch (packed lunches brought from home can be eaten)
- 14.30-16.30 Explore Reykjavik, including key landmarks and an introduction to Icelandic culture and history.
- 16:30 Continue to the hotel
- 17:30 Hotel South Coast check in
- Dinner at the hotel and evening briefing.

Saturday 24th Oct - South Coast & Glaciers

- 09:30-10:00 Skogafoss waterfall
- 10:30-13:30 Glacier Hike with qualified glacier guides, using specialist safety equipment.
- Packed lunch provided by hotel
- 14:00-15:00 Visit to the village of Vik
- 16:00-16:30 Seljalandfoss waterfall
- Return to hotel for dinner
- Dinner at hotel

Sunday 25th October - Golden Circle

- 09:00-10:30 Thingvellir National Park - a UNESCO World Heritage Site where tectonic plates meet.
- 11:00-11:30 Kerid volcanic crater
- 12:00-13:30 Greenhouse – Lunch at the **Tomato Farm**, including tomato soup with unlimited bread.
- 13:45-14:15 Geysir - geothermal area
- 14:30-15:00 Gullfoss waterfall
- 16:30-18:00 Downtime
- Return to hotel
- Dinner at hotel

Monday 26th October - Volcanoes & Blue Lagoon

- 09:00-10:00 Lava Centre - focusing on Iceland's volcanic activity.
- 12:15-13:15 Grindavik Pizza Buffet lunch
- 13:30-15:00 Fagradalsfjall Volcano/ Peninsular exploration
- 16:15-18:15 Blue Lagoon – swimming with strict supervision and safety rules in place.
- 19:00-20:30 Dinner at Hamborgafabrikan Reykjavik (The Hamburger factory)
- Overnight Hotel Viking

Tuesday 27th October – Return

- 11:50 Depart Keflavik
- 15:00 Arrive at Heathrow Airport
- 15:45 Coach collection
- 16:30 Arrival back at Edgbarrow

We can look forward to a fantastic trip; in the meantime, if you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours faithfully

John Macfarlane
Trip Co-ordinator