

October 2023

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Headteacher - Patrick Earnshaw

Deputy Headteacher - Mathew Downs

Assistant Headteacher (Head of Sixth Form) - Lisa Swan

Iceland 2024

Payment and Medical Information

Thank you for your continued payment of instalments. If there are any issues with any of the future payments, please feel free to contact us at school. With regards to your child's health and medical information, **if there are any changes between now and the trip, it is vital that you keep us updated.**

Passports

The travel company, NST, are now requesting all passport details. Therefore, students will need to bring in their passport to the Sixth Form Study Centre at the start of lunch on **Tuesday 10th October 2023**, so we can copy all relevant information onto our booking form. Please do this regardless of whether you have handed in your passport before or not.

Please also take this opportunity to check that your child's passport meets all the requirements for entry to Iceland. The current requirements for passports in Iceland are:

To enter Iceland (and all Schengen countries) your passport must:

- have a 'date of issue' less than 10 years before the date you arrive. Passports issued after 1 October 2018 are now valid for only 10 years, but for passports issued before 1 October 2018, extra months may have been added if you renewed a passport early
- have an 'expiry date' at least 3 months after the day you plan to leave

If there are any issues with the above information, please contact me via office@highcliffeschool.com

COVID-19

At present, the Government website states that entry requirements for Iceland are: **'There are no COVID-19 related travel restrictions for Iceland'**. With regards to vaccinations, the government website also states: 'You don't need to provide proof of your vaccination status for entry to Iceland'. More information can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/iceland/entry-requirements>.

Checklist

Some of you may well be starting to think about a checklist for this trip, therefore please find attached a list below to help with your planning of this trip.

Information for NST Travel Company

Finally, we require some additional information for our trip. Could you please fill in the form below to let us know about any dietary requirements for this trip e.g. gluten free, vegan, nut allergy etc. In addition, we have been asked from the travel company regarding your child's swimming capability. At the bottom of the medical form is a tick box to confirm your child's swimming capability. Please tick as appropriate.

Flight details

I can now confirm journey details are as follows:

07 February 2024	Coach transfer to airport	Approx. 7am from school	
07 February 2024	Departure Heathrow Airport	Depart – 12:15	Arrival – 15:30
07 February 2024	Airport transfer to hotel		
11 February 2024	Departure Keflavik Airport	Depart - 16:20	Arrival - 19:30
11 February 2024	Coach transfer back to school	Approx. 10.30pm arrival at school	

Hotel details

We will be staying at the Fisherman's Village Hotel approximately 16km from Reykjavik (20mins drive). The hotel is set in a quiet, picturesque location with great views of the sea. In terms of catering, breakfast, a packed lunch and dinner are all included in the price. Details of the hotel can be found here: <https://www.fishermansvillage.is/>. Rooming's for students will be confirmed nearer the time.

I will be in contact again either just before/after Christmas to invite you to a pre-trip meeting at the school to discuss the itinerary, final arrangements and a chance to ask any questions.

In the meantime, if you have any questions regarding the Iceland trip, please contact me.

Yours sincerely,



Mr Houghton
Trip Organiser



PLEASE RETURN TO MR HOUGHTON BY TUESDAY 10TH OCTOBER 2023

Student name _____

Dietary Requirements:

My child does/does not have any dietary requirements (please delete as appropriate).
If required - details of any dietary requirements:

Swimming Capability (please tick):

- Weak: Swims less than 25 meters
- Competent: Swims 25-125 metres
- Advanced: Swims more than 125 meters



Iceland Trip Checklist

Clothing:

Item	Quantity	Check (before trip)	Check (aftertrip)
Warm clothing (layers)		✓	✓
Sunglasses		✓	✓
Trousers/Jeans/Tracksuit bottoms		✓	✓
Thermals (optional)		✓	✓
Hoody/Jumper		✓	✓
Beanie/Woolyhat		✓	✓
T-shirts		✓	✓
Gloves		✓	✓
Underwear		✓	✓
Thick Socks		✓	✓
Suitable footwear (walking boots advised)		✓	✓
Swimwear & Towel		✓	✓
Hair ties/ swimming hats (Blue Lagoon)		✓	✓
Camera		✓	✓

Accessories:

- Passport
- Sun cream
- Lip balm
- Mobile phone/iPad charger
- European plug adapter
- Prescription medicine (Inhalers etc)
- Toiletries - Shampoo, Shower Gel/Soap, Anti-perspirant (roll-on preferred as aerosol can set off the fire alarm), Tooth paste and brush
- Playing cards/Book
- Spending money (Icelandic Krona)

Recommended equipment

- Day pack/small rucksack
- Water bottle
- Snacks (food is expensive in Iceland)