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Dear Sir/Madam,

Following the resounding success of the previous Iceland field trips, the geography department is delighted to inform you of plans to run a similar visit later next year. Whilst exact dates are yet to be confirmed, the trip will take place in late-October 2016 and will include 4 days and 3 nights away.

This is an **optional** field trip to pupils in Key Stages 4 and 5, and is **not a compulsory** element of their geography studies. Nevertheless, we are confident that all pupils who are interested would find the experience both beneficial to their wider geographical knowledge and extremely enjoyable.

Initial quotations from Halsbury Travel (www.halsbury.com) who were responsible for last year's trip, indicate that the total cost is likely to be at least £650-680 per person (final figure would depend on numbers), with flights departing from Bristol. This price would include all travel and transfers to and from both airports, three nights' accommodation (full board) and visits to a number of Iceland's physical attractions under the guidance of an expert local tour-guide. Last year's visits to the Blue Lagoon, Gullfoss waterfall and The Great Geysir proved particularly popular. Weather-permitting, there may also be an opportunity to see the famous Northern Lights, for a small extra fee once in Iceland. **I must stress at this point that the final figure could still be higher because of unforeseen circumstances in the future.**

This year, we will not be accepting any payments in cash and instead will be asking for all transactions to be completed via the 'Parent Pay' website. This is the same system used for adding credit to pupils' lunch money accounts. We will initially require a **non-refundable £100 deposit**, paid via Parent Pay as soon as names and places are confirmed. There will eventually be a second deposit of £150, which will be required to be paid within 6 weeks of booking confirmation (further letters will be sent out about this).

If your child is interested in attending this exciting field trip, then can we please ask you to complete and return the attached Form 2 to either Mr Henry/Mr Patterson as soon as possible. There are a maximum of **40 places available** on the trip, which will be awarded on a first come-first serve basis on receipt of the Form 2.

Please note that no deposits can be paid until we have a confirmed list of pupils who will be attending the trip. All that is required for now is a completed Form 2.

Yours faithfully,

J HENRY

G PATTERSON