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Dear Parents/Guardians

## **BWS / SWGS Sixth Form Geology Field Trip to Iceland – April 2020**

I am writing with news of next Easter's trip to Iceland. I am sorry for the delay in giving further news which is due to some further negotiations which were needed with STA, our travel operator.

I have some good and some not so appealing news. The good news is that the trip is viable, despite the relatively low number of Geologists currently (especially in Year 12). Eighteen students have signed up and paid the deposit, which means that the trip is of a sufficient size to travel with the necessary two members of staff. Whilst this means that the trip can go ahead as planned, an increase in the price of our flights means that the overall cost for the trip has risen to £1,300 per student, in other words £200 higher than my original estimate. I am really sorry for this unanticipated increase – as you will appreciate I am completely in the hands of the travel company for the flights, accommodation and food, in-country transport and other services.

I fully realise that you will greet this grim news as we have done here in school, and I entirely understand if you feel that the increased cost makes the trip no longer an option for you and your son/daughter. If that is the case then your deposit will be refunded of course, but this will inevitably mean that the trip itself will become non-viable very quickly.

For this reason I need to have an indication, as a matter of urgency, whether you are happy to continue with the trip as planned or if you wish to withdraw. Could you please let Emma Gothard (BWS Finance Office, [Trips@bws.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:Trips@bws.wilts.sch.uk)) know one way or the other by midday on Monday 11 November 2019 so that we can make a firm decision whether to go ahead or not?

Thank you – and please accept my apologies for this unfortunate turn of events.

Best wishes

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