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Dear Parents / Guardians

Geology Trip to Iceland 31 March 2020 – 4 April 2020

Thank you for your recent payments towards the trip. I am pleased to say that 16 boys and girls have been allocated places. The purpose of this letter is to give you more information about the travel and accommodation arrangements, the schedule for the remaining two payments and also some routine reminders about preparation for travel abroad. I have emphasised the key points where necessary...

We will be flying out from **Luton** and returning to **Heathrow**, and coach transport will be provided between BWS and the airports. At present we are scheduled to fly out from the UK to Keflavik Airport on the morning of 31 March (there will be a very early start at BWS!), and we will return to Salisbury in the afternoon of 4 April; the flight details are as follows:

AIRLINE	FLIGHT NUMBER	DEPARTING DATE	DEPARTING CITY	ARRIVING CITY	DEPARTING TIME	ARRIVING TIME	ARRIVING DATE
easyJet	EZY2295	31-Mar	London Luton	Reykjavik (KEF)	0600	0805	31-Mar
British Airways	BA 801	4-Apr	Reykjavik (KEF)	London, Heathrow (LHR)	1015	1410	4-Apr

The expedition will be based in two centres in country. For the first couple of days the group will be staying in Reykjavik and then the location will shift to Hellisholar for the remainder of the expedition; and we will be using local coach travel to get around in country. The itinerary is likely to include visits to hot springs, fumaroles and geysers, fieldwork on different types of recently active volcanic terrains and also visiting some very impressive geomorphology (waterfalls and gorges especially). In addition on the first day in Iceland we will be visiting the 'Blue Lagoon', one of the most famous thermal spas in the world, so it will be of the utmost importance that your son/daughter does not leave their bathing suit in the UK! Please note that we will use the @BWSTrips twitter feed to issue information, post information and update logistics before and during the trip – it would be really helpful if you could install twitter on your mobile phone and then follow @BWSTrips so that you do not miss out...

As a reminder the remaining staged payment dates and amounts will be as follows:

Instalment 2 - £375 by 31/01/20


Instalment 3 - £375 by 19/02/20

Please may I remind you that it will be essential that your son/daughter has a valid UK passport for the period that we will be spending in Iceland. There are still a small number of passport details that are outstanding; we will need to receive the relevant copies as soon as possible as we need to confirm the flight bookings as a matter of some urgency. May I also ask for details of any specific dietary requirements for your son or daughter. We will also assume that all of the correct medical

details are already held by the school, so if there have been any changes in this respect which may not have been notified could you let me know as soon as possible?

Insurance for the students and staff on the expedition will be provided automatically through the school; I will provide details of the cover (which is, in my view, comprehensive) in due course, but should you wish to take out further cover then please do so. I will be organising a briefing meeting for all parents and students at BWS in the Spring Term, where we should be able to give some further details about the itinerary etc, and there will also be a representative of the travel company present to help with any questions too. I will let you know the arrangements for this meeting as soon as I can. I look forward to meeting you there – and I will issue a reminder of both the next payment and the meeting a little closer to the relevant dates.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S D Smallwood', with a stylized flourish at the end.

S D Smallwood
Geology Department