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Dear Parents/Guardians

Sixth Form Geology Field Trip to Iceland – March 2018

This academic year I am planning an overseas field trip for Sixth Form Geologists from BWS and SWGS to Iceland, building on the experience of a number of other very successful expeditions in past years at BWS. The trip will be to western Iceland (the area adjacent to the capital, Reykjavik) and will enable the boys and girls to experience the rocks and landforms that are characteristic of one of the newest parts of the surface of the Earth. In particular, we will be visiting some of Iceland's famous volcanoes, seeing the tectonic and volcanological results of Iceland's position astride the Mid-Atlantic Ridge and we will also be observing the evidence for Iceland's complex history of changes of sea level. More details of the programme of activities for the trip will be available later in the Autumn Term.

The draft dates for the trip are set as Thursday 29 March - Monday 2 April 2018 (note that this is Easter Monday!). The likely cost for the trip will be around £1200.00, to include all travel (to/from the UK Airport, flights and whilst in country), accommodation and food, entry fees etc and insurance. We will be using good quality, fully catered hotel accommodation and we will have the services of specialist guides on a number of exciting expeditions. I will be able to confirm a more accurate costing once the flights are booked, and of course the current costing has been calculated using the current exchange rate which can be subject to some variation.

In order for me to book flights I will need to know the number of students who wish to go on the trip and an early deadline for returns will be essential (see below). If you would like your son or daughter to be considered for the trip you will need to complete and return the attached reply slip, and arrange payment of the £250 deposit as outlined below. It is likely that the maximum number of student places will be 45 and receipt of the deposit will be taken to mean you wish to take up a place on the trip. In the event that the trip is oversubscribed, names will be drawn randomly and those pupils who are unsuccessful will be placed on a reserve list and their deposits refunded. Parents/Guardians who may find it difficult to meet the deadline for payment of the deposit should contact the Finance Office on ext. 260.

PAYMENT: Please pay online via: www.scopay.com. If you need a link code please email amh@bws.wilts.sch.uk (link codes are only needed for online account set up).

Payment for students from SWGS can be done by credit/debit card. Please contact the BWS Finance Department tel. 01722 333851 Ext. 260.

When you return the reply slip can you also enclose photocopies of both your son/daughter's passport and EHIC cards for my records. It will, of course, be essential that both are valid at the time of travel, so please check the expiry dates for both carefully!

Your son/daughter will be covered by the school's insurance during this trip; a copy of which is available on the school website. Please ensure that we have current emergency contact details and details of any medical conditions and that your son/daughter takes all necessary medication with them when they travel. Please contact Sarah Hayward sah@bws.wilts.sch.uk if you need to update this information.

If you have any further questions about the trip then please do not hesitate to contact me or Mr Thorne at school.

Yours sincerely



S D Smallwood
Head Master

REPLY SLIP – Sixth Form Geology Field Trip to Iceland – March 2018

PLEASE RETURN TO DR SMALLWOOD AT BWS BY 1550 FRIDAY 29 SEPTEMBER 2017

I would like my son/daughter to go on the BWS Spring 2018 Geology Field Trip to Iceland and have paid a non-refundable deposit of £250 by Scopay/Credit/Debit Card (please delete as appropriate).

Name of Student: _____

Signed (Parent/Guardian): _____

Date: _____

Please also enclose photocopies of both your son/daughter's passport and EHIC cards for our records. Please ensure that they are both valid at the time of travel.