



## Looe Community Academy

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Dear Parent/Carer

### **Field Trip to Iceland - 11-15 February 2018**

We are thrilled to be proposing a school tour of Iceland for Year 10 and Year 11 students, to enhance their learning experiences within the curriculum, especially in the areas of Geography and Science. The trip will take place in February half term of 2018 and will involve some amazing trips and visits in this fascinating country. To give you a flavour of what your child could experience, I have enclosed a brochure of possible excursions that we will be going on.

We will organise a parental briefing as soon as the students are confirmed but if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me. Arranging such an early booking with our professional agency, WST, has secured us an amazing deal for this trip, but it also means we have to pay a deposit of £50 per student by 15 December 2016 to secure the booking; this will be non-returnable in the event that you withdraw your child.

Here are some of the facts about the trip:

- Destination: Iceland
- Depart : 11 Feb 18
- Return : 15 Feb 18
- Mode of transport: coach and plane
- Purpose: to inspire students in the geological sciences and to improve their GCSE grades
- Iceland tour cost per student: £850
- Travel cost to/from Heathrow airport per student: £60 (estimated – to be arranged)

What is included in the £850 tour cost:

- Return flights between Heathrow and Keflavik
- Accommodation on a full board basis (students will be accommodated in multi-bedded rooms)
- Group insurance
- UK airport meet and greet for both the outbound and inbound flights
- Checked-in baggage
- All airport taxes and security charges
- Meet and greet on arrival at Keflavik airport
- Coach transfer from Keflavik airport to the accommodation on Day 1 and from the accommodation to Keflavik airport on Day 5
- Coach hire, excursions and services of a guide as detailed on the itinerary below
- 24 hour emergency response cover while on tour

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What is not included in the £850 tour cost:

- Travel to and from Heathrow airport (as this will need to be arranged once the trip is confirmed)
- Spending money for snacks, drinks and mementos; recommend about £60 as Iceland is very expensive (but all main meals are provided)

Payment schedule:

- Deposit of £50 which must be received no later than 15 December 2016 please

The balance will be confirmed after our formal booking with WST, but is likely to be:

- A further £70 by March 2017
- The balance of £730 paid in full by about mid-December 2017

The trip will be made available on ParentPay so that you can make regular top up payments to spread the cost.

We realise that price of the trip is high, particularly as the cost of going to Iceland has increased dramatically since the crash of the pound sterling. However, we are hoping the long period of advanced notice will assist in budgeting for this, as it still remains great value for 5 days in Iceland. In accordance with current regulations, participation is by voluntary contribution and clearly if insufficient funds are raised in this manner then the trip will not be able to take place.

About WST:

Due to previous success, WST are the educational travel company we are choosing to engage with. Between them, the staff have more than 300 years of combined experience in the school travel industry and really do understand what makes an exceptional educational visit. They work closely with me during the whole tour planning process to ensure every detail is covered and our learning objectives can be realised. WST also appreciate that students want to have fun on tour, so advise on the best activities to complement our educational tour plans.

Please do go and visit WST's website for further information: [www.wsttravel.com](http://www.wsttravel.com)

Itinerary:

	<b>Morning</b>	<b>Afternoon</b>	<b>Evening</b>
<b>Day 1</b>	Flight to Keflavik airport near Reykjavik	Meet the guide and coach transfer to your accommodation for check in	Evening meal and free time for local orientation
<b>Day 2</b>	A full day, guided coach excursion begins with an opportunity to swim at the 'Secret Lagoon' followed by exploring the spectacular sites of the 'Golden Circle' day, including a visit to the Hellisheidi power plant		Evening meal at the hotel
<b>Day 3</b>	A full day, guided coach excursion exploring the wonders of the Reykjanes Peninsular		Evening meal at the hotel
<b>Day 4</b>	A full day, guided coach excursion to the 'South Shore' to witness its many incredible geographical features		Evening meal at the hotel
<b>Day 5</b>	A guided exploration of Reykjavik before transferring to the airport the return flight home		

If you would like your son/daughter to access this amazing opportunity, then please return the form below with a £50 deposit by 15 December 2016.

**Lee Matthews**  
**Leader of Learning for Science**

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*Please return to Student Services*

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I give permission for ..... from Tutor Group ..... to travel on the Academy's tour of Iceland in February half term 2018.

I have paid a £50 deposit by ParentPay / I enclose a cheque for £50 deposit\* and understand that this is a deposit to secure a place for my child which is non-refundable in the event that I withdraw from the trip.

I will adhere fully to the payment schedule.

I confirm that my child will have the appropriate valid passport, visa and EHIC card for their travel.

Name: .....  
(Parent/Carer)

Signature: .....

Date: .....

**Notes:**

We would very much prefer payment via ParentPay so that you can make simple, regular top-ups by debit/credit card (no fees) or by cash at PayPoint stores, as and when it suits you. ParentPay will also allow you to keep track of the outstanding balance and all of your payment history. If you are not set up for ParentPay and need your username and password to be issued, then please contact the Academy – it is very quick to get your account up and running.

Any cheques should be made payable to Looe Community Academy.