



Dear Parent/Carer,

**Re: Iceland 2024 Updates**

**Travel Update**

We will be travelling to Reykjavík for 4 days and 3 nights with the Equity travel company from Manchester Airport (flight departs 07:40; arrives 10:35) to Keflavik Airport (flight departs 10:40; arrives 13:20).

**Please note the meeting times from the Tipton Road bus stop (top of High Arcal Drive):**

Departure from school on **Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March**      **01:30** (*change from past communication*)  
Expected arrival to school on **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March**      **15:30**

It is important that learners arrive promptly and observe quiet whilst waiting for the coach to arrive. If a parent/carer will not be collecting learners, please address written confirmation of their contact details to Miss Williams and Mr Dhami prior to departure.

Learners will be allowed one 15kg hold bag plus one piece of hand luggage to fit under the seat in front i.e., a day backpack or handbag. Learners will need layers of clothing, coats, and swimsuits. Please ensure that learners are familiar with airport security processes and prohibited items (as listed overleaf). Learners should pack basic first aid items, like plasters and paracetamol, for personal use. Learners are responsible for their own packed items including headphones, mobile phones, and e-books.

In Iceland, the sale of tobacco and e-cigarette (vape) products is prohibited to persons under the age of 18, and the legal purchase and consumption age for alcohol is 20 years old. Therefore, it is a lawful offence for any learner to purchase or possess these items during our trip. Learners should observe these rules.

It is highly advised that learners keep hydrated by packing a refillable water bottle and eat breakfast before boarding the plane. Food can be purchased in Manchester Airport from places like Boots, Costa, and Greggs.

**Itinerary Update**

Breakfast and evening meals will always be in our accommodation, Hotel Cabin, and packed lunches will be provided. The health and safety of learners is our priority. Private coach transfers have been arranged for all activities. Parts of Iceland continue to experience seismic and volcanic activity so some tours will not be possible. Therefore, our itinerary has changed to the following:

Day 1	Departure to Reykjavík. City tour. Visit <b>Sky Lagoon</b> ( <i>replacing Blue Lagoon due to closure</i> ).
Day 2	Guided Hellisheidi Power Plant tour. Visits to Þingvellir National Park, Kerid Crater, Gullfoss and Great Geysir.
Day 3	Visits to Seljalandsfoss, Skógafoss, Dyrahólaey and views of Mýrdalsjökull.
Day 4	Arrival back in the UK.

Yours sincerely,

**Miss L. Williams**

*Trust Curriculum Leader of Geography*



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### **Packing Tips**

- Wear your heaviest (and comfiest) clothing to travel like sturdy walking boots!
- Remember to pack your passport AND Icelandic Krona. Avoid relying on card payments.
- If you are bringing electronic devices, you will need your own chargers AND travel plugs.
- You will need to pack basic first aid items, swimsuits, and layers- fleece jacket/light wool sweaters, rainproof/windproof jacket (and trousers), gloves, scarf, hat, underwear, and warm socks.
- You may want to bring items like a quick-dry towel (for visiting Sky Lagoon), a reusable water bottle (to refill as you go) and reusable shopping bag.

### **Airport Security. Please follow this advice:**

- Have your passport and boarding pass ready to scan.
- Take your laptop, iPad, Kindle, and any other large electrical items out of your hand luggage ready to be X-rayed. You will need a separate plastic bag for liquid toiletries (see Hand Luggage).
- Remove coats, jackets, and belts. They will need to be X-rayed along with your bag.
- You may need to remove your shoes before going through the security archway.

### **Hand Luggage**

Hand luggage refers to the bags you carry through security and keep with you for your whole journey. Your hand luggage must not contain any prohibited items. You are limited to ONE plastic, transparent bag per person (20cm x 20cm in size) for all your liquid toiletries. These include creams, gels, pastes, sprays, and aerosols. The plastic bag should be separate from your hand luggage ready to be X-rayed.

### **Hold Luggage**

Hold luggage refers to the bags that are checked in and stored in the hold of the plane. There are several items you can carry in hold luggage that you are not allowed to carry on board with you in your hand luggage. These include:

- Liquids, creams, gels and pastes in containers of over 100ml
- Sharp items including scissors and razor blades (razors that have the blade set into a plastic moulding are allowed in hand luggage, but other types are not)
- Toy or replica guns (including water pistols)
- Knives with blades of any length
- Hypodermic needles (unless required for medical reasons, for which you will need proof)
- Walking/hiking poles

Some items simply aren't allowed on planes at all. These include:

- Flammable liquids and solids, and oxidisers such as bleaching powders and party poppers
- Instruments containing mercury. However, you can carry thermometers with mercury in hold luggage if they are in a protective case
- Instruments containing magnets
- Lighters, fire lighters, lighter fuel, paints or thinners
- Radioactive materials, acids, corrosives, alkalis or caustic soda
- Creosote, quicklime or oiled paper

Finally, another reminder that the purchase, possession and consumption of tobacco, e-cigarette (vape), and alcoholic beverages is a lawful offence for any learner.