

Headteacher: Mr D. Whales | Chair of Governors: Mr A. Brown

15th September 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome back to the 2025/2026 School year. I wanted to provide an overview of the Itinerary for Iceland 2026.

We would ask students to be at **Ken Stimpson at 6:00am on Sunday 15 February 2026**. Students will be allocated a member of staff who will take their passports. Students need to make sure they are in clothes that are appropriate to travel and explore Iceland in; layers work well and comfortable walking shoes. There will be excursions before arriving at the first hotel.

Students are allowed one bag that will be checked in at the airport weighing no more than 23kg and one piece of hand luggage that can fit under a chair.

We are flying from Terminal 2 at Heathrow Airport with **Iceland Air: flight FI451 at 12:15pm**. The allocated staff member will have their boarding passes.

Icelandair operates a cashless on-board service. A complimentary drink of water or coffee will be provided to each passenger but if you wish to purchase other drinks or food on your flight it can only be paid for by debit or credit card. Alternatively, you may want to pre-purchase food via the Icelandair website before your child departs.

<https://www.icelandair.com/en-gb/support/pre-flight/manage-booking>

We arrive at Keflavik International Airport at 15:30 local time where we will meet our guide: James. We will visit *Bridge between Continents* and *Gunnhver; Iceland's largest mud pool* before making our way to the hostel: Baron's Hostel, Baronsstigur 47, Reykjavik.

Day 2:

We will depart at 08:45 to visit the Geothermal Power Station, the 'greenhouse town', which includes a hot spring walk, earthquake exhibition centre whereby students can cook eggs using the hot springs! Then onto Kerið whereby students will see a volcanic crater lake, followed by a stop at Urriðafoss; Iceland's most voluminous waterfall.

That evening we will be staying at Hotel Vatnsholt, Vatnsholt 2.

Day 3

We will depart at 9:00 and visit the waterfall at Seljalandsfoss; Subject to weather & ice conditions it is possible to walk behind the waterfall, so please bring waterproof clothing! We then visit Sólheimajökull the 'sun house glacier' and onto Vik, a coastal town viewing the black sand beach. We finally visit Skógafoss, another one of Iceland's impressive waterfalls before returning to the hostel: Skálinn Hostel (Kirkjulækjarkot),

Day 4

We leave the hostel at 8:45 and head straight to the secret Lagoon. You will need swimming costumes! Afterwards we see Gullfoss, Iceland's most photographed waterfall then onto see the Geysir. We will then walk through Mid-Atlantic Ridge at Þingvellir. We then return to Baron's Hostel, Baronsstigur 47.

Day 5

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We will leave at 9:30 and head to FlyOver Iceland for a virtual tour of the country. Students will then have time in Reykjavik before the coach collects us at 12:30 and takes us to the airport. We take off at **16:20** on **Icelandair flight FI454** and should land at **Heathrow terminal 2 at 19:30**. You will be notified of any delays. We anticipate to be back in **Ken Stimpson at 23:30 on Thursday 19 February 2026**.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.



Yours faithfully,

Mrs L Wood

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