



Executive Headteacher: Mrs L. A. Gwinnett

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Dear Parent

23rd May 2020

Endeavour Iceland Trip 2020 - 25 October – 01 November

We are writing to provide you with an update about the Endeavour Iceland Trip 2020.

At present there is a significant amount of uncertainty as to how and when lockdown measures will be eased both in England and Iceland over the coming months. Due to the date of this trip, in October and November 2020, no official guidance has been issued about international travel. Therefore, if a decision is taken to cancel the trip now, this would be taken voluntarily and not forced by official instruction by either the UK or Icelandic Government. This would mean that parents and the Trust would not be entitled to a refund from the tour operator nor would we be able to submit a claim to the travel insurance company.

We propose to take a wait and see approach. This means that we can maintain an open mind about the trip and safeguard the funds that parents and the Trust have already paid to the tour operator. We can also confirm that the trip is covered by ATOL, the UK financial protection scheme for package holidays.

To ease the burden currently being experienced, we have negotiated a revised payment schedule with the tour operator. We would urge parents not to pay any further instalments until the postponed date or until otherwise notified by the Trust. The revised instalments dates are:

| Instalment | Amount | Original payment date | Payment postponed until |
|------------|---------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Number 3 | £350.00 | 3 rd April 2020 | 3 rd July 2020 |
| Number 4 | £350.00 | 10 th July 2020 | 4 th September 2020 |

If the trip is cancelled by the tour operator or is unable to proceed due to Government instruction we will seek to provide refunds at the earliest opportunity. We appreciate the challenges that everyone continues to face and we are grateful for your tolerance and patience during this difficult period.

We will contact you towards the end of June to provide a further update. In the meantime if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us on 1st June when we reopen.

Yours sincerely,

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