

Our Ref: 027/19

15<sup>th</sup> March 2019

Dear Parent/ Carer

**Geography Trip to Iceland 19<sup>th</sup> May 2019**

I am delighted that your son will be travelling with us to Iceland on what we feel will be the trip of a lifetime.

Thank you for the payments you have made thus far. However, I must inform you of a slight amendment to the cost of the trip and would like to bring to your attention paragraph four of our initial letter as below:

*'We must however, include this information from our travel company; "Our price is based on flights with Easy Jet Manchester-Reykjavik (subject to availability). 1 hold bag pp included. Provisions times and subject to change. Flights are on sale and we cannot hold seats on option for you. Our price is subject to change until your flights have been booked and secured" (WST School Travel).'*

In reference to this, unfortunately at the time of our booking the prices of the flights had increased by £10; therefore, we must add this to the cost of the trip. The additional payment will appear on ParentMail as a separate payment item. This is of course regrettable to us however, the changing nature of flight prices is well known and flights to Iceland are limited and in high demand. We therefore, thank you in anticipation of your understanding and support on this matter.

Please could I also take this opportunity to thank you for the return of passport details and to encourage any boys who have still not returned this form to please do so as soon as possible as the airlines require passport details shortly to ensure we are all seated together.

The information below has also been sent to me via our dedicated travel representative from WST School Travel regarding travel to European countries and passport requirements in the light of the coming Brexit;

*The rules for travel to most countries in Europe will change if the UK leaves the European Union (EU) with no deal. The government has increased planning for a no deal EU Exit and is asking citizens to make sure they are also prepared. UK passport holders should therefore check their passport to see whether it is valid for travel after 29 March 2019. After 29 March 2019:*

*1. You should have 6 months left on your UK passport from your date of arrival. This applies to adult and child passports.*

*2. If you renewed a passport before it expired, extra months may have been added to your new passport's expiry date. Any extra months on your passport over 10 years may not count towards the 6 months that should be remaining for travel to most countries in Europe. The new rules will apply to passports issued by the UK, Gibraltar, Guernsey, the Isle of Man and Jersey. Currently, UK*

*passport holders can travel to all EU countries as long as they have enough remaining validity to cover the length of their stay, so it's important to be aware of the above changes in a 'no deal' Brexit. So, please check your passport and if you are affected, you should consider renewing your passport earlier than planned.*

*The affected (Schengen area) countries are: Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden and Switzerland.*

For more information on this matter or to clarify you can follow the link below.

<https://www.passport.service.gov.uk/check-a-passport>

Should you require any further information or advice on any of the issues referred to in this letter you can contact me via school telephone, my school email which is; [kwilliams@stmargaretsacademy.com](mailto:kwilliams@stmargaretsacademy.com) , or you can also telephone the school finance office for advice.

Yours faithfully

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