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Dear Parent/Carer

### **NEW YORK 2019**

Following on from our previous letter we would like to confirm the visit to New York is going ahead from Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April – Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2019.

We will be flying with Virgin Atlantic and the proposed flight times are as follows:

(9.4.19) – Depart: London Heathrow 14.30 and arrive JFK at 17.15

(13.4.19) – Depart: JFK 19.00 and arrive London Heathrow 07.20 (14.4.19)

**THE DATES AND FLIGHT TIMES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

Thank you for your payment of £125.00.

**Total cost of visit £1200.00**

**£125.00 deposit paid**

**Balance outstanding £1075.00**

### **PAYMENTS**

*The next instalments to be paid by Parent Pay are as follows: Please try to make a payment each month as we have to make regular payments to the tour company. Texts will be sent home reminding you when a payment is due.*

<b>JUNE PAYMENT</b>	<b>£134.00</b>	<b>Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2018</b>
<b>JULY PAYMENT</b>	<b>£134.00</b>	<b>Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> July 2018</b>
<b>AUGUST PAYMENT</b>	<b>£134.00</b>	<b>Friday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2018</b>
<b>SEPTEMBER PAYMENT</b>	<b>£134.00</b>	<b>Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2018</b>
<b>OCTOBER PAYMENT</b>	<b>£134.00</b>	<b>Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2018</b>
<b>NOVEMBER PAYMENT</b>	<b>£135.00</b>	<b>Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2018</b>
<b>DECEMBER PAYMENT</b>	<b>£135.00</b>	<b>Monday 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018</b>
<b>JANUARY PAYMENT</b>	<b>£135.00</b>	<b>Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2019</b>

**PLEASE NOTE: Any payments already paid or any subsequent payments will be non-refundable. If full payment is not received prior to the trip taking place, your child will not be permitted to travel and no refunds will be given.**

### **REMINDER**

**Things to remember for the above visit**

Please ensure you are making progress with your **ESTA** and **passport applications** as copies of these will be due in school in by January 2019 at the latest.



## ESTA

Please note applying for ESTA is a personal matter and it has to be dealt with by the person travelling. It is their responsibility to make sure all the required documents are obtained in time for travel. Each individual traveller must register on-line and we recommend the following site which should take you directly to the official US government site: <https://esta.cbp.dhs.gov/esta>

The cost of the ESTA is \$14 which is £9.06 sterling approximately. **Once the ESTA has been applied for please send a copy of that as well for our records.**

**The hotel address is: New York's Hotel Pennsylvania, 401 Seventh Avenue,  
(at 33rd St.), New York, N.Y, 10001-2062  
Tel No: +1 212-736-5000**

Please note, from 01/04/2016, the USA implemented a new process whereby all travellers wishing to enter the US under the VWP (the ESTA visa waiver program) now need to hold a passport with an integrated chip (an ePassport). Your passport is an ePassport if it carries this [internationally recognised symbol](#) on the front cover. Most UK passports were made with the chip from October 2006 so the majority of passport holders should now have this required passport however there may be the few that don't. We suggest you check that your child has the qualifying passport and if not they must either apply for a new passport urgently which would be printed including a chip. Or, they will have to travel without using the Visa Waiver Program and therefore apply for a standard visa, which may be more timely and costly than applying for a new passport.

More information on this matter can be found at the following two webpages: <https://www.dhs.gov/visa-waiver-program-requirements> or <https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/usa/entry-requirements>

## e-Passports



***An e-Passport contains an electronic chip. The chip holds the same information that is printed on the passport's data page: the holder's name, date of birth, and other biographic information. An e-Passport also contains a biometric identifier. The United States requires that the chip contain a digital photograph of the holder. All e-Passports issued by Visa Waiver Program (VWP) countries and the United States have security features to prevent the unauthorized reading or "skimming" of data stored on the e-Passport chip.***

I have enclosed the parent consent form that needs filling in and returning to me as soon as possible that requires medical information and dietary requirements.

If you would like any other information regarding the visit please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Mrs H Childs  
Head of Creative Arts