

10th June 2019



Hollygirt
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To: Parents of Pupils taking part in the USA Trip

Dear Parents

USA Trip Final Arrangements

As our trip to the USA draws closer, I write to confirm some final details. On the day of departure, Sunday 7th July, all pupils should arrive at **9 Villa Road by 2.15am** at the latest, ready for our coach to depart by 2.30am. We expect to return to school at **11am on Sunday 14th July**, where pupils should be collected.

Attached to this letter is a full activity breakdown for each day; please read this and give your permission for each activity (where applicable). There is also a notes section should you wish to make me aware of anything you may feel is relevant.

I can advise that any free time during the trip will always be controlled with students having to stay in groups of a minimum of three, with a watch and a phone and staff will be at a meeting point with agreed times for the groups to check in.

All restaurants cater for vegetarians and each day we will shop for lunch. Where this is purchased will be decided on a day-to-day basis, and will most likely be at small supermarkets.

Passports- Parents are to hand these to Mrs Howlett/ Mr Dean at 2.15am before their child boards the coach.

Spending money- if you wish your child's spending money to be kept by the teachers, please put this into daily envelopes with clearly marked name/ instructions on the daily allowance.

Tips- as American workers rely on tips; we will be collecting \$30 dollars from each child at the start of the trip and using it accordingly throughout.

Medicine – Please label clearly, with instructions and put into a clear plastic bag and hand to Mrs Howlett/Mr Dean when your child boards the coach.

Vaccinations- There has been a recent outbreak of Measles in the USA; therefore please ensure vaccinations in this regard are up-to-date.

I can also confirm that we will be posting updates on Twitter and our Hollygirt Facebook page during the trip to keep you posted. www.twitter.com/HollygirtTrips/ or via the username @HollygirtTrips. Pupils may take their personal mobile phones on the trip; I would suggest checking with your network provider in advance regarding using the phone in the USA and any charges this may incur.

In addition, please also find below, emergency contact numbers for Mr Dean and myself should you need to contact us during the trip. Children will be given these numbers on a card for the trip and we ask them to respect our privacy and delete these numbers on arrival home from the trip.

Mrs Howlett 07530719136

Mr Dean 07751708506

On a final note, if you have not already done so, please return completed medical information forms, copy of passport, passport form and ESTA to **Nicola Marriott, School Secretary ASAP.**

Yours sincerely

Mrs Naomi Howlett



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