



24th May 2017

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, all pupils should arrive at **9 Villa Road by 7am** at the latest, ready for our coach to depart by 7.15am. We expect to return to school at **6.30pm on Sunday 16th 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) and **return to school by Friday 9th June**. There is also a notes section should you wish to make me aware of anything you may feel is relevant. In addition, I also enclose a recommended kit list.

I can advise that any free time during the trip will always be controlled with students having to stay in groups of 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.

Each evening we will shop for the following day's lunch. Where this is purchased will be decided on a day-to-day basis, and will most likely be at small supermarkets. As previously advised, I would recommend approx. £300 spending money for the trip to allow for the purchase of lunch each day and any souvenirs/extra treats. I would suggest a small amount in pounds for service station/ airport in the UK and the rest in American dollars.

Swimming may be offered should time allow during the trip, whilst I cannot guarantee that a hotel lifeguard will be on duty, I can advise however, that in this instance, Hollygirt staff will supervise the children and not swim.

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:

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 and ESTA to Nicola Marriott, School Secretary ASAP.

Yours sincerely

Mrs N Howlett
Head of Geography

USA Kit List

Equipment	Tick
Clothing	
Sturdy comfortable shoes with closed in toes and suitable socks	
Other trainers/ suitable shoes	
Water proof cagoule/jacket	
Sun hat, sunglasses	
Various suitable bottoms and tops for the climate	
Swimwear	
Back pack style bag	
Sleeping clothes and underwear	
Necessities	
Passport and travel documentation (ESTA)	
Spending Money	
Toiletries (shampoo, shower gel, toothbrush, toothpaste, hairbrush etc)	
Towel	
Refillable Water bottle	
Sunscreen	
Plasters, just in case!	
Camera and charger/batteries (if you intend taking one)	
Phone charger if you are taking your mobile phone	
Travel Adapter	
Insect Repellent	
Money belt for valuables	
Antibacterial wipes/hand gel	
Entertainment - Please do not bring valuable electronics	
Magazines/ small games/book	
Medicine	
Please label with instructions any medicine, allergy, travel sickness tablets you need and Mrs Howlett/Mr Dean will look after these	

