



Church of England School  
Executive Head and CEO: Dr Hilary Macaulay

12<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

### **New York Trip – Passports and Hoodies**

Not long now until our Psychology/Sociology trip to New York City. We are now able to finalise details for the personalised hoodies and request information regarding passports and ESTAs.

### **Passports and ESTAs**

We have now reached the stage in our planning that requires information about passports and ESTAs. Passports should have no less than 6 months until expiry from the date of our return. Please check your child's passport to ensure that it satisfies that requirement. If you need to renew a passport, I recommend that you do so as soon as possible. I would like a copy of all passports, clearly showing full name, passport number and expiry date by **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2023**. These should be given to me directly. I am based in WG33 which is on the ground floor of the Wedge block. I will also need to see evidence of a valid ESTA by the same date. A copy should be attached to the back of the passport details. If you haven't already, you can obtain your ESTA by following the link below:

<https://esta.cbp.dhs.gov/esta/>

For your information, we will be staying at The Wyndham New Yorker Hotel, 481 8<sup>th</sup> Ave & 34<sup>th</sup> Street, New York, NY10001. Tel: 212 971 0101

It is valid for multiple journeys for up to two years or until your passport expires, whichever is sooner. For your information, if your child has recently travelled to Cuba (in the last two years), you will not be able to enter the US using an ESTA. This is because Cuba is currently on the US's [State Sponsors of Terrorism list](#). You will not be prohibited from travelling but will be required to make a full Visa application. In addition, any passenger over the age of 18 must be double vaccinated, with proof required. There is no requirement for any adult to have had the third booster. No vaccine is required for those under the age of 18. There are no requirements for testing prior to travel. For further information please see [Entry requirements - USA travel advice - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#). The airline has also asked for the attached document (regarding COVID vaccinations) to be completed, which should be returned to me with passport and ESTA details.

Could I also remind you to update the school with any medical conditions, including use of medications that we need to be aware of.

### **Personalised Hoodies**

The hoodies will be black with a small Statue of Liberty embroidered on the front and ironed-on student names or initials on the back in white. The hoodie is priced at the discounted rate of £25.80, including postage and packaging to the school. The hoodies will help us to keep track of our party, especially on the journey. They will also provide students with a memento of what will be a fantastic trip. Payment for the hoodie can be made via ParentPay and this

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will close at the end of **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February**. This means that any payment made after this date will not be processed, and your child will not receive a hoodie for the trip. Should you wish to purchase a hoodie, please make the payment via ParentPay **and** complete the details on the MS Form via this [LINK](#).

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any further questions.

Yours faithfully,

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