

# St Monica's R.C. High School



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Dear Parent/ Carer,

## Re: Geography New York Trip ESTA and January meeting 2019.

Over Christmas please could you ensure your son/daughter applies for the ESTA to gain entry to the USA. The following information has been provided by our tour company (NST):

All persons travelling to the USA under the visa waiver programme from 12 January 2009 must have obtained travel authorisation using the Electronic System for Travel Authorisation (ESTA).

You must have obtained authorisation by Monday the 14<sup>th</sup> of January. This requirement is in addition to the submission of APIS (Additional Passport Information) data which is still required. Authorisation is valid for 2 years therefore can be used on any future journeys to the USA during that time. If your child already has a valid ESTA please print off a copy of the authorisation form.

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>

Please note the US Government charges for this application. The current cost is \$14.00 per person. Please can you print off a hard copy of the authorisation number and hand into school by Monday 14<sup>th</sup> of January.

To help complete the ESTA you will need the following information:

Date of travel 17/02/2019-21/02/2019

Address whilst in New York: Holiday Inn Express Midtown West, 538 W 48th St, New York, NY 10036, USA

**Please note that on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> of January 2019 at 6pm, in the main school hall, there will be a meeting for both parents and students in regards to the detailed itinerary and to raise any questions that you may have.**

Should you have any queries in regards to the ESTA please contact myself ASAP.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Watson  
Trip Organiser

