

23 October 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

### **NEW YORK TRIP UPDATE**

I write to inform you that the trip to New York will go ahead as planned. Only if we are advised by the Government and local education authority not to travel would the trip be cancelled.

Over the last few months we have gone through challenging and uncertain times and there has been some uncertainty about school groups travelling abroad.

The full payment for the trip as originally scheduled must be made by 11 January 2021. We have extended the final payment date to ensure that those who are a little behind on their payment schedule can catch up.

If there was the need to cancel the trip due to restrictions on travel, we can only receive a refund through the school's travel insurance and the travel company's own insurance if the payments have been made in full. If you as a parent decide to withdraw your child for any reason, the full amount for the trip would still need to be paid and the payment made by the final date of 11 January 2021. These conditions were made clear to yourselves and to parents of the children who were meant to have been on the previous trip to Iceland. We were able to get a full refund for that trip. The deposits and secondary payments for the New York trip have been paid to the travel company and that money cannot be refunded.

Could you please send your child's passport into school in a named envelope adding the label 'New York Trip' by Tues, 10 November 2020. We need to make a couple of copies and start the process of visa application. We will return the passports to you as soon as possible.

We are aiming to provide the full itinerary for the trip. The only change is that we will now be travelling via Dublin as our original carrier is not offering flights – this has meant we have been able to maintain the original budget and avoid travelling via Heathrow/Gatwick. As a result of this, the travel time has slightly increased by just over two hours each way however the bonus is we can add Eire to the pupil's travel experiences even if only very briefly.

Please do contact myself via email if you have any questions; [a.watters@priory.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:a.watters@priory.lancs.sch.uk)

Yours sincerely



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