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Selected Year 9/10 Parents & Carers

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Dormston School New York Trip - October 2026 – June 2026 Update Letter

We hope you and your families are well. We have been advised by NST that an itinerary for our trip will be sent soon and we will communicate that information to you as soon as we receive it - the excitement is building! **Please note that this letter contains several links which you will need to complete. A hard copy of the letter will also be issued which will have the Parental Consent & Medical Information Form attached which you must also complete.**

We would like to thank you for your payments made so far and for completing the form requesting Passenger Information/Passport Details. The deadline for final payment is **30 June 2026**. The deadline for Passenger Information/Passport Details has now passed, so if you have not yet completed this, please now do so.

Please see attached link. <https://forms.office.com/e/jvybbDBtjz>

This letter contains many important updates regarding the trip – please take time to read it carefully and contact us if you require any help or further clarification.

PARENTAL CONSENT & MEDICAL INFORMATION FORM

(Please see hard copy letter that will be coming out to you shortly for this form)

Please fill in the attached Parental Consent & Medical Information Form.

This should be returned to school at the Parent Information Evening (Details below).

ESTA VISA FORM

All visitors to the United States of America require an ESTA visa to gain entry to the country at immigration/passport control.

Electronic System for Travel Authorization (ESTA) is an automated system used to determine the eligibility of visitors to travel to the United States under the Visa Waiver Program (VWP) and whether such travel poses any law enforcement or security risk.

ESTAs should be applied for prior to travel.

With this in mind please could you apply for your child's ESTA prior to the Parent Meeting in September. Please bring the copy of the ESTA with you to the meeting – we will keep this along with your child's passport.

Please apply for your child's ESTA using the following link:

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

Requirements

Passport holders from the UK or other eligible countries can travel to the USA under the Visa Waiver Program by obtaining an Electronic System for Travel Authorisation (ESTA). It is equivalent to a visa but no stamp or label will be placed in your passport. Once issued is it valid for 2 years or until your passport expires whichever is sooner and allows multiple visits to the US. From 1st April 2016, anyone travelling to the US under the Visa Waiver Programme (WVP) will need to have a passport with an integrated chip (an ePassport). British passports issued since October 2006 are ePassports and carry [this internationally recognised symbol](#) on the front cover. It is the responsibility of each traveller to obtain the necessary documentation to satisfy the US

immigration authorities. Please note that an approved ESTA is not a guaranteed admission to the United States at a port of entry.

Please refer to [this help link](#) for further information including details of countries eligible for the Visa Waiver Program. Passport holders from countries not included on the Visa Waiver Program will need to apply for a tourist visa.

Application timeframes

You must have obtained authorisation at least 72 hours before departure.

Application process

Online applications should be made by visiting the official US government site [here](#)

Please note the US Government charges for this application.

The current cost is \$40.27 per person, though this is subject to change.

Application options

You can collect the information required and submit an application on behalf of each group member or you can request parents/guardians to submit their child's application online via the above link. We strongly recommend you ask parents/guardians to submit their application online as they will be more informed to answer some of questions relating to personal information and previous travel history etc.

We advise you ask parents/guardians to provide a printed copy of the ESTA approval once it's complete, so you have confirmation that the application has been made and approved. NST do not require copies of the approved applications.

Payment

To make a payment, please follow the [instructions given on the ESTA website.](#)

Support during the application process

The [help area](#) on the ESTA website provides comprehensive information on the application process.

DIETRY REQUIREMENTS & MENU CHOICE

One of our dining locations, Il Piccolo Buffalo requires us to order in advance.

Menu choices:

Menu:

Caesar Salad or House Salad

Choice of:

- Pizza Margherita
- Chicken Parmigiana - Breaded cutlet filet topped with tomato sauce and mozzarella cheese with Pasta
- Aubergine (Eggplant) Parmigiana - Breaded eggplant filet, topped with tomato sauce and mozzarella cheese with Pasta
- Spaghetti with Meatballs

Additional choices for below diets (only for passengers with special dietary requirements or food allergies) will be catered for upon arrival;

Vegetarian/Vegan/Gluten Free/Dairy Free

Ice Cream

1 x Soft drink

Please complete the form on the following link to make a menu: [New York Trip - October 2026 - Il Piccolo Buffalo Order form – Fill in form](#)

Please complete by Friday 3rd July 2026.

PARENT INFORMATION EVENING

We will hold a Parent Information Evening on **Monday 14th September 2026 from 6.00pm to 7.00pm** in the Dormston School Theatre. It is very important that this meeting is attended along with pupils – other family members are also welcome to attend.

This meeting is an opportunity for you to meet the staff taking your child on the trip, ask any questions, and for us to go over the final travel arrangements and itinerary. We will give you a booklet containing all the information you will need,

Please can the following information and documents be brought with you to the meeting:

- Your child's PASSPORT;
- Completed Parental Consent & Medical Information Form;
- ESTA Number and printed copy of ESTA.

Passports will be stored in the school safe until we travel.

Photocopies of the above information will also be taken with us on the trip.

We appreciated this is a lot of information to digest so please contact us if you have any queries.

We will continue to write to you in due course with further updates.

Many thanks.

Yours sincerely

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