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Dear Parent/Guardian

USA West Coast Visit Easter 2019 - Saturday 12 April – Monday 22 April 2019

Thank you for your continued support of the Geography Department visit to the West Coast of USA over Easter 2019. I am writing to thank you for your final payments made in November. I am now in the final stages of planning for the trip.

ESTA VISA PROGRAM - URGENT

All eligible travellers who wish to travel to the United States must apply for authorisation to enter the country. All travelling pupils and staff must have a valid ESTA travel document to accompany their passport.

I require the ESTA document to be printed and brought into school by Friday 1 February 2019.

The details of the website to complete the ESTA form is below. Please be aware that this is the official ESTA website and that other Third Party ESTA websites often charge more to make the application. This website can be found by typing 'ESTA official site' into a search engine.

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

Can I also please make you aware that the American Visa system has changed and all passengers will need to ensure they have an electronic passport issued after 2007 (these ones show a camera icon on the front cover).

If your child has recently travelled to the United States of America, you will have already completed an ESTA form for them. This can be brought in as they are valid for two years (from the date of approval).

I will be in touch via letter to arrange the final meeting prior to the trip in due course.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require any further information.

Yours sincerely

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