



# HEANOR GATE SCIENCE COLLEGE

“Develop all learners to achieve their full potential”  
“Create a culture of aspiration”

Principal: **Mr S Huntington**



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Dear Parent/Carer

## Coronavirus - Washington DC/New York trip 4-11 April 2020

Due to the current situation regarding the spread of the Coronavirus I am writing to you to confirm the position of the trip and to reassure you as best we can at this moment in time.

The current advice being issued by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office is that there are no travel restrictions to the USA and, working closely with our travel company European Study Tours, their position follows that advice. As things stand at the moment the trip will be going ahead as planned unless there is a change in the advice issued.

HGSC and the SAT will listen to the expert advice given to us by the FCO and Public Health England and the current advice is to travel as normal. As such there are no options of cancellation with insurance cover. Any personal decision to not travel will result in a loss of the expenditure already paid.

This is obviously a very fluid situation and we will continue to follow the advice given by the FCO regarding travel to and from the United States. If the advice changes and it becomes clear that we will need to cancel then we will obviously let you know as soon as the decision has been made. Based on the information given so far, please work on the assumption that the trip is taking place and plan accordingly.

If for any reason you, as a parent/carer, feel that you no longer wish for your child to come on this trip then please let me know but please be aware that there will be no refund available either from the school or the tour operator. If you would like to discuss this issue further then please feel free to contact me in the usual ways.

We will continue to update you over the next two weeks regarding final plans for the trip and I will continue to keep you updated if there are any developments or the FCO advice changes.

Yours sincerely

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