7th March, 2017.

Dear Parent/Carer,

As part of the School’s extended curriculum we are planning a trip to New York. The trip is being planned to support material that is covered in a number of different courses, through visiting various landmarks and gaining an insight into the local culture and how it differs from ours. This trip will take place on the **15th – 20th February 2018**.

The cost of the trip will be **£984.00** per student, based on a minimum of 35 students attending. In the event of more than 35 students opting for a place on the trip, places will be allocated on a first come first served basis with a reserve list being held. The price includes:

* Flights to New York
* Airport assistance both in the UK and US.
* Accommodation on a Bed and Breakfast basis (Holiday Inn Express – Manhattan Midtown West)
* Transport from the school to and from the airport
* Travel insurance
* **A visit to the national September 11 memorial and exhibition - Ground Zero**

This national tribute honours those killed in the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001 and February 26, 1993 and is a place of remembrance which commemorates the nearly 3,000 victims and reflects the courage and compassion shown in the aftermath. The memorial’s twin reflecting pools sit within the footprints where the Twin Towers once stood.

* **A Visit to Ellis Island and the statue of Liberty**

America’s most iconic landmark, the Statue of Liberty, was a gift from the people of France. Located on Liberty Island in New York Harbour, the statue welcomed the many immigrants that arrived by ship into the US and their story is told in the Immigration Museum on nearby Ellis Island. Alongside the ultimate landmark of New York, the Ellis Island Museum is dedicated to the history of immigration and the important role this island claimed during the mass migration of humanity in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. An insightful visit which details the history of a great universal symbol of political freedom and democracy – the Statue of Liberty.

* **Empire State Building**

Your child will venture over ¼ of a mile skyward and take in the scale of the immense urban landscape which opens up before you. This is a great way for your child to appreciate the city away from the hustle and bustle of the streets below.

* **Walking tour of Midtown Manhattan**

We will bring the history and culture of New York to life. Students will be amazed as they walk down world-famous streets such as Fifth Avenue, 42nd Street and Broadway and through Central Park and Times Square.

* **Walking tour of Down Town Manhattan**

With a tour guide students will walk through the neighbourhoods of Chinatown, Little Italy, SoHo and along Wall Street and Battery Park

* Trip to 5th Avenue and Broadway
* Shopping at Macy’s, Tiffany’s and 42nd Street
* Metro passes for the duration of the stay
* Evening meals at restaurants including:

**Bubba Gump Shrimp Restaurant** - Dine in style at one of this seafood chain’s restaurants, originally inspired by the 1994 film, Forrest Gump. The restaurant serves all manner of cuisine, from beautifully prepared shrimp and fresh fish to amazing slow roasted ribs, abundant salads and memorable desserts.

**Planet Hollywood -** This popular restaurant chain, inspired by the glamour of Hollywood, began life with the backing of megastars Sylvester Stallone, Bruce Willis, Arnold Schwarzenegger and Demi Moore.

In addition to the tour cost, your child will require spending money for the trip. They will also require a full UK passport and an ESTA, for which you should budget an additional £10.00.

A pre-departure meeting will be held during the next academic year where you will be given a pre-departure pack. This will also be an opportunity to ask any questions.

If you wish your child to take part in this trip you will need to return the attached slip with a payment of £100.00 by Friday 24th March 2017. Please be aware that the tickets are non-refundable and cancellation will incur the full charge, including the loss of the deposit.

The trip is being booked through NST Travel, the UK's leading educational travel
company for schools with more than 45 years’ experience. They work closely with us during the whole tour planning process to ensure that your child will get the very best learning experience whilst away.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind parents and carers that inclusion in a trip of this nature is a privilege. Therefore, all pupils must maintain a high standard of behaviour in school if they are to remain on the list for the trip.  The school reserves the right to prevent pupils from attending a school trip for any incidents of serious misconduct or persistent poor behaviour. In such an eventuality there is no right to a refund of any monies paid.

**We prefer on-line payments which can be made via the School’s website**. (You should have received instructions/pupil link code by post, however, details can be found on the School’s website under Policies. Should you require assistance/pupil link code please contact bursar@carrhill.lancs.sch.uk

Alternatively, payments can be made by cheque payable to Carr Hill High School.

Please complete and return attached Medical Consent Form.

Any questions please do not hesitate to contact us at the school.

Yours faithfully,

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College Leader

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To: Finance Office

**New York Trip 2018**

I give permission for …………………………………………………. (name) …………………… (mentor) to take part in the New York trip from 15th – 20th February 2018.

I have paid the non-refundable deposit of £100.00 via the school website

I enclose a cheque for the non-refundable deposit of £100.00

I have enclosed the Medical Consent Form

Signed: ……………………………………………………………. (parent/carer) Date: …………………………