

PLO/TDY

3 October 2019

Dear Parent/Guardian

China Trip 2020 -Visa Cost Increase I am writing to update you on our progress with the visa application for the China 2020 trip. If you recall at our initial meeting, I mentioned that the Chinese government were looking into the provision of group visas but we were confident that we would be able to get the group visa as we are entering China at Shanghai. I have been in discussion with the travel company and whilst this is still the case, the Chinese visa department have now brought in another rule which gives the option of either applying for the group visa and sending the actual passports off to China or applying for the visa and not sending the passport off to China. Unfortunately, the second option now incurs an additional cost of **£30** per person. I am sure that you would agree that not sending the passports is a safer option. Added to that, passports would have to be sent off before Christmas and if anyone was travelling on their passport during the Christmas period then they would not be able to be included in the group visa. If you have any concerns regarding this, please do not hesitate to contact me at school by either phone or email, ploughney@nsb.northants.sch.uk. For those not travelling on a UK passport, the travel company have assured us that they will be able to be included in the group visa.

In the meantime, I will be completing the Visa Application Form and will be checking the information provided by you on the Medical Consent/Information Form and the colour photocopy of your son's passport. If you were applying for a new passport as it would not have 6 months validity from our date of return and have not yet sent this in, please do so by **11/10/19**. Alternatively let me know when I can expect to receive the passport copy, however, time is limited in order to send off the visa application. Similarly, if any medical conditions or contact details have changed since your son was offered a place on the trip.

I will be sending notices around to your son's form in the next week telling him where and when I will be taking the visa photo. It is important that he does not miss this so that the application can be sent off immediately.

Finally, could I ask that you sign and return the attached reply slip to acknowledge receipt of this letter and agree to the additional visa fee of £30.

Yours sincerely



Peter Loughney
Trip Leader, China 2020

REPLY SLIP TO MR P LOUGHNEY VIA STUDENT SERVICES BY 11/10/19

I/We acknowledge receipt of the China 2020 visa cost increase letter and agree to pay the additional £30 towards the cost of the visa.

Student Name: _____ Form: _____

Signed: _____ (Parent/Guardian) Date: _____