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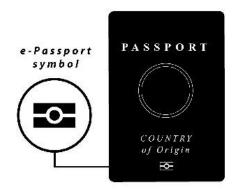
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Dear Parents

NASA, Texas, 20th October – 27th October 2019

American legislation states that your daughter is required to have a <u>chipped passport and an ESTA</u> to enter the USA.



To check if your daughter has an integrated chip passport you will need to look for the following symbol on the front cover of the passport.

Unfortunately if this symbol is not present a new passport will need to be ordered. Please also check that your daughter's passport is in date for the duration of the trip, up to November 2019.

Over the next few weeks I request that your daughter brings her passport into school to be photocopied at the school office by Mrs Regan. This can take place at morning and afternoon break.

ESTAs can be applied for up to two years prior to travel from the following website https://www.estacbp.org/english/ and these will need to be completed and a copy sent to school before the summer holidays, so the information can be processed over this time. This can be emailed to myself j.lynch@merchanttaylors.com

It is advised that you review the complete USA entry requirements, which can be found at https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/usa/entry-requirements

If your daughter falls into one of the categories listed below, a visa from the American Embassy will need to be issued before travel:

- your daughter has a British passport that describes her nationality as something other than 'British Citizen'
- your daughter has been arrested for certain crimes, even if it did not result in a criminal conviction
- your daughter is a dual national of Iran, Iraq, Sudan, or Syria
- your daughter has travelled to Iran, Iraq, Sudan, Syria, Libya, Somalia or Yemen since March 2011

Yours sincerely,

Mrs J Lynch

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