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FOR THE ATTENTION OF THE PERSON WITH PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY

Re: Duke of Edinburgh Silver Qualifying Expedition on Tuesday 13 July to Thursday 15 July 2021

As part of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award expedition section your son/daughter is required to take part in a qualifying expedition where they will be assessed on their teamwork, navigation and camp craft etc. In order to fulfil this requirement, we are holding our qualifying expedition from Tuesday 13 July to Thursday 15 July 2021. Your son/daughter needs to be dropped off with their kit at Biddulph High School at 8.00 am. We will then travel by coach to Thorpe at the south end of Dovedale, they will then navigate their way to Hulme End Campsite, where they will camp for the night. On the morning of Wednesday 14 July they will begin to navigate their way to Pomeroy campsite, where they will camp for the second night. On the morning of Thursday 15 July, students will set out to walk to Buxton Pavilion Gardens, finishing outside the swimming pool. Following a debrief by their assessors they will be allowed to leave and need to be picked up by parents, this will be around 4.00 pm.

The details of our campsites are as follows:

Hulme End Campsite

Alstonefield Lane
Hulme End
Buxton
SK17 0EX

Pomeroy Caravan park

Street House Farm
Pomeroy, Buxton
Derbyshire, SK17 9QG
01298 83259

During the expedition, your son/daughter will be walking the majority of their planned route unaccompanied. However, there will be 2 members of staff assigned to each group located at checkpoints throughout the expedition to ensure they are on the right path and to check their navigation and time keeping. All members of staff will have the group's route, contact and medical details to hand. Each group will have the school mobile phone number which I will hold in the unlikely event of an emergency.



This expedition is one day longer than the practice so it is important that students bring enough food to sustain them throughout the expedition; we have given students training on basic expedition cooking but for more information please email me at and I will be happy to provide some ideas. Please make sure that your child has the required equipment listed below (Tents, sleeping mats/bags, Rucksacks and stoves can all be borrowed from school), if students attend the trip without essential pieces of equipment they risk being deferred and having to redo their expedition.

We expect the highest standards of behaviour throughout the duration of the trip and students must be aware that they must follow the countryside code at all times. Please be aware that students are not supposed to use their mobile phones on expedition, as one of the conditions of a successful expedition is “to be isolated, unaccompanied, self-sufficient and remotely supervised”. If they do contact you with any issues please direct them to me or their group’s supervisor. You can contact me on the school mobile number **07928149985** or by email.

Please complete the consent slip below and return it to me by Friday 11 June 2021 at the latest and ask your son/daughter to return it to me at school.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Yours sincerely

Mr D Ackerley
Duke of Edinburgh Co-ordinator

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Group Kit	Personal Kit
1 TENT BETWEEN 2	RUCKSACK – AROUND 70 LITRES
1 COOKER/STOVE BETWEEN 2 + FUEL	SLEEPING BAG
COOKING PANS	CAMPING MAT
WASHING UP EQUIPMENT	WALKING BOOTS
	WALKING SOCKS
	SUITABLE CLOTHES TO WALK IN (NOT JEANS) FOR 3 DAYS
	WATERPROOF JACKET AND TROUSERS
	HAT AND GLOVES
	WASH KIT
	EATING UTENSILS
	WATER BOTTLE
	SUN CREAM
	ENOUGH FOOD TO LAST FOR 3 LUNCHES, 2 EVENING MEALS, 2 BREAKFASTS AND SNACKS INBETWEEN

Please remember that if you are buying any of this kit you get 15% off with a DofE card at Go Outdoors and other outdoor retailers.



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