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FOR THE ATTENTION OF THE PERSON WITH PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY

**Re: Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Qualifying/Silver Practice Expedition on Saturday 22 May 2021 - Sunday 23 May 2021**

As part of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award expedition section, your son/daughter is required to take part in a Qualifying (Bronze)/Practice (Silver) expedition where they will be assessed on their teamwork, navigation and camp craft. In order to fulfil this requirement, we are holding our Bronze Qualifying/Silver Practice expedition from Saturday 22 May to Sunday 23 May 2021.

Your child will need to be dropped off with their kit at Biddulph High School at 9.00 am on the morning of Saturday 22 May 2021. They will then navigate their way around a circular route back to the High School. Due to Covid-19 restrictions students are no longer required to camp overnight, however they are expected to show they have the skills to do this. Consequently, when they get back to Biddulph High School they will be expected to pitch their tents and cook dinner for themselves in their groups. Once they have shown that they can do this they will need to pack up their camp and will then be allowed to leave for home for the night this will be approximately 5.30 pm (students may confirm when time is confirmed). Students will then need to return to school for 8.00 am on Sunday 23 May 2021. When they get to school they will need to prepare breakfast to show they have thought about their nutrition for the day. They will then navigate around a different circular route bringing them back to school by around 4.00 pm. If completing only the Bronze award they will then debrief with their assessor and be allowed to return home. If completing their Bronze award **and** using this award as their Silver Qualifying expedition, they will need to pitch their tents again and cook dinner for themselves. Once they have done this they can debrief with their assessor (To complete their Bronze award) and pack up camp to return home.

As specified in the qualification assessment criteria, 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. I have attached a basic kit list for you to follow, if you have any trouble sourcing kit for the expedition please contact me at school and I will try to assist you further, as we have a small amount of kit that we can lend out e.g. tents, cookers, rucksacks etc. It is important that students do have the correct footwear and clothing, training shoes will not be acceptable, particularly on a qualifying expedition.

It is important that students bring enough food to sustain them throughout the expedition, we will be giving students training on basic expedition cooking or for ideas on meals that are adequate please see [www.dofeshopping.org/expedition-kit/expedition-food](http://www.dofeshopping.org/expedition-kit/expedition-food). 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. All students and parents will be given the school mobile number before the expedition starts.

Please complete the consent slip found at this link by Friday 7 May 2021 at the latest.

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=DvwijTBsZE6gYuG\\_og2whT5OSKLw8VIFva9mh5-qz9UQVhXM1VKSUs4UVozNVkwRE5SNTMyOTQ0Vi4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=DvwijTBsZE6gYuG_og2whT5OSKLw8VIFva9mh5-qz9UQVhXM1VKSUs4UVozNVkwRE5SNTMyOTQ0Vi4u)



You will also need to complete a medical form for your child two weeks before the expedition leaves. The link for this will be forwarded nearer to the time.

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

Yours faithfully

Mr D Ackerley  
Duke of Edinburgh Co-ordinator

Group Kit	Personal Kit
1 TENT BETWEEN 2	RUCKSACK – AROUND 70LITRES
1 COOKER/STOVE BETWEEN 2 + FUEL	SLEEPING BAG
COOKING PANS	CAMPING MAT
WASHING UP EQUIPMENT	WALKING BOOTS
FOOD FOR TWO DAYS	WALKING SOCKS
	SUITABLE CLOTHES TO WALK IN ( <b>NOT JEANS</b> )
	WATERPROOF JACKET AND TROUSERS
	HAT AND GLOVES
	WASH KIT
	EATING UTENSILS
	WATER BOTTLE

Please remember that if you are buying any of this kit you get 15% off with a Duke of Edinburgh card at Cotswold Outdoor and 10% off at Go Outdoors.

**\*\* Date for your diary\*\***

**Silver Qualifying Expedition Dates – 13 July - 15 July 2021 (We are aiming for this to be a full expedition with overnight stays, Covid-19 situation dependant).**

