

Our Ref: NDE/nky

25 April 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

**Re: Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award – Practice Expedition: Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> to Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2018**

On Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May all DofE students will be expected to participate in the next part of the DofE expedition, hike and overnight camping at Watton at Stone Scout Camp. Participants must be self-sufficient and must carry EVERYTHING that they require (60L sized backpack is required) – a full kit list has already been given out, but essentials are listed below, please tick off kit against the DofE kit list as you pack.

- Tents and cooking stoves to be collected from Miss de Laune on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May, fuel will be provided on the day.
- Sleeping bag and roll mat
- An individual first aid kit
- The food required up to and including Friday lunch (including emergency rations), evening meal must be cooked using cooking stoves and breakfast must either be cooked or include a hot drink to show their skills.
- An unbreakable bowl, mug and cutlery
- Filled water bottle (students must carry at least 1 litre of drinking water)
- Map case, compass, completed map and route card
- Participants must wear hiking boots and suitable clothing and must carry waterproof clothing regardless of weather conditions

We do have a limited kit store but do have some of the above available to borrow, please see Miss de Laune by Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May should you wish to borrow any kit or a bag.

It is suggested that participants do not bring any items of value. If students are using cameras for part of their presentation or activity, they remain the students' responsibility at all times.

Participants need to meet with full kit at Sainsbury's Poplars car park (far end by the recycling bins) on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May at 9am. Students will need to be collected from the same place on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May at approximately 4pm. Parents will be contacted if participants are expected much later than this.

**Mobile phones:** Please note mobile phones are forbidden during these expeditions. In order to comply with Duke of Edinburgh rules, on the actual expedition, only one student from each group will have a mobile phone which will be switched off at all times and sealed in an envelope for emergencies only. In the event of any emergencies students can be contacted via the school mobile on 07515984945. Participants must NOT bring their phone unless they have been told to.

**Behaviour:** Please note that all students will be expected to abide by the Duke of Edinburgh Code of Conduct which they signed – students not adhering to this code will be disqualified from all expeditions.

Please complete and return the attached reply slip to Main Reception by no later than Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2018. In the meantime, if you have any questions or queries, please contact Miss de Laune via the school.

Yours sincerely,

Miss de Laune  
Duke of Edinburgh Coordinator



**REPLY SLIP – Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award – Practice Expedition overnight camp – Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> to Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2018.**

***Please return this reply slip to Main Reception by Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2018.***

**Name of student (please print) .....**

I give permission for my son/daughter\* (delete where applicable) to participate in the above expedition.

**Signed.....Parent/Carer**

**EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBER (please ensure an up to date contact number is given below)**

.....Parent/Carer

Any medical or other issues of which the Academy should be aware (i.e. Asthma, dietary requirements etc.)

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Date.....2018