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Dear Parent/Guardian

17 June 2016

Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award – Qualifying Expedition

The dates for the Gold qualifying expedition to Dartmoor are Wednesday 6 July returning on Monday 11 July 2016; I will be overseeing the expedition with the help of BWS staff and volunteer parents. We aim to leave school around 1430 hrs on Wednesday, meeting at BWS by 1400, returning about 1900 hrs on Monday. Your son/ward will be reminded to call home with an ETA.

I would like your son/ward to attend a pre-expedition check, I will also contact him via his school email, for the blue group on Monday 4 July and the red group on Tuesday 5 July at 12pm. The cost of the expedition will be £185, which includes £25 reduction from the deposit paid on enrolment. This cost covers transport, school's insurance (a copy of which is available on the school website), two nights' camp site fees, use of equipment and assessor fees. We will be camping at Harford Bridge Park campsite, Peter Tavy, Tavistock, Devon, PL19 9LS, 01822 810349 grid reference SX69 4912. Our home contact is 07957 932950.

Your son/ward will need:-

- to attend his group pre-expedition check
- to be prepared with funds for food on Wednesday and Monday
- money to pay camp site fees on Saturday and Sunday
- to bring DofE keeping track booklet for the assessor to complete his report after they have given their group verbal presentation
- to have a suitable 'emergency food pack', eg spare hot food pouch, snacks, nuts, boiled sweets, chocolate, kendal mint cake, or similar
- to be aware that all mobile phones etc are not permitted whilst on the expedition. Sealed for use in emergencies only; please stress this to your son/ward as this can cause a group's immediate failure
- to be aware that anyone suspected of drinking alcohol will be collected by a parent/guardian
- to read the attached 'points to note'

We will re-use the indemnity forms from the training session and practice expedition, so the responsibility is on you to ensure that we have the correct current emergency contact details and details of any new medical conditions and your son/ward takes all necessary medication with him on this expedition. Any problems please email Mrs Nute on amn@bws.wilts.sch.uk

Please pay online by 29 June 2016, via: www.scopay.com - If you need a link code please email amh@bws.wilts.sch.uk

Yours sincerely

Mr T W Churchill
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