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Dear Parent/Guardian

Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award Practice Expedition – Avebury **Saturday 29 September – Sunday 30 September 2018**

Firstly apologies for our delay in getting this letter out to you; we have had to source a different campsite at late notice. The boys have now completed their training in preparation for the Bronze practice expedition. This will take place around Avebury on Saturday 29 September to Sunday 30 September 2018. There will be no transport provided in either direction, therefore all participants will be expected to make their own way, (car sharing), to the car park at Overton Hill, Avebury, SN8 1QG (The car park lies approximately 600 meters after the post code on the north side/left hand side of the A4 towards Marlborough) on Saturday 29 September. Teams **1 to 7 arrive for 0930** and teams **8 and over arrive for 1030**.

Before starting their hike students kit bags will be thoroughly checked, if you do not bring all equipment, eg waterproofs, drinking water etc then H5 Adventure may not allow teams to complete the expedition due to safety issues. Therefore ensure that all mobile phones, or similar, are sealed for use in emergencies only; please stress this to your son as this can cause a groups immediate failure. We will be camping at Blacklands Lakes Campsite, Stockley Lane, Calne, SN11 0NQ. Students are not permitted to leave the campsite overnight.

Your son and his team will need to bring their own lunch, snacks and drinks for both days and have something suitable to cook for the evening on a Trangia; plus breakfast for Sunday morning. The teams will also need to purchase gas for the Trangias, most teams have already been in contact with me to borrow tents and Trangias. Tents and Trangias are to be taken home by your son after the practice expedition; tents need to be dried and aired, Trangias to be cleaned, ready for the next expedition.

On Sunday we will finish between 1400-1550 hrs at the same car park. This will, of course, depend on their efficiency clearing the campsite and their pace. Mr Paul Webb of H5 Adventure will be the lead for the weekend supported by myself and BWS volunteering staff members.

Emergency contact number:- 07876 765478.

The cost of the practice expedition is £74. The price includes the services of H5 Adventure, insurance and camp site fees. Please pay on-line, by Thursday 27 September 2018, if you need a link code please email mxl@bws.wilts.sch.uk.

For further information on DofE, please contact Mrs Nute on amn@bws.wilts.sch.uk.

Please ensure that we have current emergency contact details and details of any medical conditions and that your son/ward takes all necessary medication with him on this expedition.

Yours sincerely

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DofE Co-Ordinator