

## Bishop Wordsworth's School

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Dear Parent/Guardian

## RE: Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award Practice Expedition – New Forest - Friday 24 May-Sun 26 May 2019

The boys have now completed their training in preparation for the Silver practice expedition. This will take place around the New Forest on <u>Friday 24-Sunday 26 May 2019</u>. There will be no transport provided in either direction; therefore all participants will be expected to make their own way to Bolton's Beech Car Park, Beaulieu Road, Lyndhurst, SO43 7BQ. The boys need to be there for 09:45 am.

Before starting their hike students kit bags will be thoroughly checked. 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. Teams will camp overnight at:-

- Friday 24 May at, Ferney Crofts Scout Campsite, Beaulieu Road, Beaulieu, Brockenhurst, SO42 7YQ.
- Saturday 25 May at Tile Barn Outdoor Centre, Church Lane, Brockenhurst, SO42 7UB

Your son and his team will need to be prepared with their own lunches, snacks, drinks and have something suitable to cook each evening on a trangia. I will inform the students which day we will lend out trangias and tents. Tents and trangias to be taken home by your son; tents to be dried and aired, trangias to be cleaned, ready for their qualifying expedition. Due to our not having a secure gas storage area students will need to <u>bring their own gas</u>.

On Sunday we will finish between 14:00-16:00 hrs at the Friday drop-off point. This will, of course, depend on their efficiency clearing the campsite and their pace. H5 Adventure will be the lead for the weekend supported by Mr P Loughlin and Mr J Rogers, BWS volunteering staff members. Emergency contact number 07957 932950.

Your son will be covered by the school's insurance during this trip; a copy of which is available on the school website. Please ensure that we have current emergency contact details and details of any medical conditions and that your son takes all necessary medication with him on this trip. These details can now be checked through the Insight Parent Portal, otherwise please contact Mrs Sarah Hayward <a href="mailto:sah@bws.wilts.sch.uk">sah@bws.wilts.sch.uk</a> to update your son's information.

Yours sincerely

Mr J M Oldham
DofE Co-Ordinator