



HECKMONDWIKE
GRAMMAR SCHOOL

NJS/SMF

May 2022

Dear Parent/carer

I am organising the Expedition section as part of your son / daughter's Silver DofE Award

We shall be leaving school at 08.45 on Monday 18 July 2022 and returning at approximately 15.15 on Wednesday 20 July 2022. We will be staying at Fieldhead campsite, Edale in the Peak District.

The days will be spent walking in a group, mostly unaccompanied. Staff will be monitoring each group's progress at regular checkpoints. We are fully qualified to supervise all aspects of the expedition. Staff will be staying at the campsite with the students. This is open to the public, we do not have sole use and they must respect the rules of the campsite as well as school and expedition rules at all times. We are very lucky that at this time they are prepared to accept DofE groups.

It is part of the DofE Awards ethos, that students are expected to show self-reliance, consideration for others and a high standard of behaviour. Safety is of the utmost importance but we cannot be held responsible for an incident arising from disobedience and/or irresponsible actions. If this was to happen parents would be informed immediately and it would be expected that you would come and collect your son/daughter.

The cost of the trip will be £80 per pupil, which includes transport, campsite fees, insurance, kit hire (including stoves, fuel, maps etc) and cover costs.

Pupils will be preparing their own meals. They will need lightweight substantial food for three lunches, two breakfast and two evening meals. A comprehensive equipment list has already been issued. Pupils can borrow a rucksack and tent if required. They will also be provided with a map and a stove and fuel for cooking. They will be carrying all of their gear so non-essentials should not be taken. The campsite has running water and toilet facilities.

We can be contacted at all times by calling my school mobile in emergencies only. The groups will be given this number on the morning of the expedition. Phones are not allowed during the expedition. There will be one person allocated in the group as the emergency contact. This number will be carried by myself in case I need to get in touch with the group during the day but will be switched off once they arrive at the campsite. All other phones must either remain at home or will be switched off and sealed in a plastic bag and kept in their rucksacks until they return home.

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I would be grateful if you could fill in the attached proforma. Please return it to me along with payment of £80 (paid via parent pay) by Friday 8 July.

Yours sincerely



Mrs N Swann

DofE Leader

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Reply slip

Student name:

Form:

I wish my son / daughter to take part in the proposed practice expedition to the Peak District.

Payment has been made by parent pay. I have returned the medical form.

Signed:

Date: