



HECKMONDWIKE
GRAMMAR SCHOOL

13 July 2023

Dear Parent/carer

I am organising the Qualifying Expedition which is part of the Silver DofE Award to the Yorkshire Dales. Please be aware that your son/daughter will only be allowed to go on expedition if they have attended all training sessions and completed the other required sections of the Award.

We shall be leaving school at 8am on **Friday 29th September 2023** and returning at approximately 3.15pm on **Sunday 1st October 2023**. We will be staying one night in Littondale and one night in Horton in Ribblesdale in the Yorkshire Dales.

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 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.

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 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/shower 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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Under the School Governors' Charging and Remissions Policy, we request a contribution of £85.00 towards the cost of this activity. This will cover the cost of transport, campsite fees, insurance, kit hire (including stoves, fuel, maps etc) and cover costs. We must mention that without sufficient funding the trip will be unable to take place.

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The total cost of the trip is to be paid on ParentPay by 5th September 2023. When you make payment via ParentPay you will be prompted to provide parental consent for your child to attend this trip and you will also be asked to input your contact /medical details directly into a confidential section of ParentPay.

If you have any problems with your ParentPay account please contact finance@heckgrammar.co.uk.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'N Swann', followed by a horizontal line.

Mrs N Swann

DofE Leader