



HECKMONDWIKE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

NJS/TCC

19 April 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

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

We shall be leaving school at 8:45 on Friday 7 June 2024 and returning at approximately 15:15 on Saturday 8 June 2024. Mrs Swann's groups will be staying at Riverside Campsite in Malham and Mrs Bailey's groups will be staying at Wensleydale Campsite, Aysgarth Falls, both 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.

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 immediately.

The cost of the trip will be £85 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 two lunches, 1 breakfast and one evening meal. 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 toilet facilities. They will not be allowed to go to shops (although these are limited on the routes anyway) during the expedition. They are expected to be fully self-sufficient.

We can be contacted at all times by calling the 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

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number will be carried by staff in case they 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.

The cost of this activity is £85 this includes the admission, overnight stay, return travel and insurance.

[Charging & Remissions Policy](#)

The total cost of the trip is to be paid on ParentPay by Friday 3 May 2024. 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.

Unfortunately, our Risk Protection Assurance policy will not offer cover if a student is unable to attend due to having a positive Covid test, hence in such circumstances no refunds would be available. If you have any further questions, please contact me at school nswann@heckgrammar.co.uk

Yours faithfully,

Mrs N Swann

DofE Leader