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Dear Parent / Carer

Duke of Edinburgh Bronze: Assessed Expedition

I am writing to confirm the forthcoming expedition days on Monday 20 to Tuesday 21 June.

20/06/2022 09:00 Assessment to 21/06/2022 16:00	National Trust Car Park Car Park Beacon Road Ringshall, England HP4 1NF	National Trust Car Park Car Park Beacon Road Ringshall, England HP4 1NF	Parents Drop and Collect Participants
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Please note, this expedition is taking place on school days and students should take responsibility for catching up with work they have missed. On returning from the expedition, students should ensure that they go to bed early so that they are ready for school on Wednesday.

Parents are again needed to drop off and collect their children. Anyone struggling to arrange a lift could place a note on the google classroom page. This can also be used for checking menus and finding copies of the information sheets.

The code is: fciyhdi

Behaviour

The behaviour of almost every student on the practice expedition was very impressive. However, we have had to speak to a small number of individuals and I would ask that you convey some expectations to your child beforehand, if only so that they can encourage their group to follow the rules.

Failure to follow rules that are set could not only result in the whole group failing the expedition, but also result in further sanctions at school.

- Silent with lights out in your tent after the time specified
- If you wake up early, you must remain in your sleeping bag and silent until wake up call. If you cannot sleep then you can lie in silence and listen to headphones.
- It is forbidden to enter anyone else's tent at any time, not just at night.
- You must stay in the group you have been given. If anyone is not in their group or walking with the wrong group then this is a serious breach of remote supervision rules as the instructors must know where everyone is. There will be one phone/ tracking device per group.

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Please check the equipment list provided by "School of Outdoors" again. As with the previous events, students should wear a tracksuit with long trousers and a warm top. A waterproof and sun cream is essential.

Shoes, or walking boots, should be comfortable and sturdy. When packing their rucksacks, please bear in mind again that the aim of the expedition is to complete it carrying the minimum weight possible. On the practice expedition, the groups were not required to carry their tents and so all students should arrive with light rucksacks and space to carry more things.

If you have any questions about the expedition then please email me or contact "School of Outdoors" directly.

Yours faithfully

Mr J Lyne

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