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Dear Parents/Carer

Duke Of Edinburgh Award Scheme-Bronze Assessed Expedition

Your son / daughter has been preparing their route and completing required training in order to allow them to participate in the Assessed Expedition section of the Award. They have opted to attempt their expedition on the weekend of **Saturday 11 – Sunday 12 May**

This will involve a lightweight backpacking walk of approximately 15 miles in the New Forest including an overnight camp wild in the forest at a designated site. The groups will not be accompanied throughout as they are required to complete their planned route with minimal adult intervention, but they will be monitored and supplied with water at regular intervals during the day. They will have adult supervision during the evening and overnight in order to fully assess their camping skills and also for obvious safety reasons.

The telephone number of New Park Farm is 01590 - 622400 and the mobile number for this trip will be 07784 - 860444 but it must be stressed that these are for **emergency use only**.

The cost of the trip will be £40 and this will cover camping expenses, fuel and insurance.

Please return the reply slip below and payment of £40.00 to the "Trips Box" in reception in a sealed envelope with the name of your child, tutor group and "Duke of Edinburgh **May**" trip written on it by **Friday 3 May**. You can also pay online, but please return the reply slip below to the "Trips Box". (Cheques to be made payable to *Downlands Community School*).

As part of their planning / preparation each group of between four and seven pupils will be expected to supply their own food for the expedition. This should include an evening meal, breakfast and a packed lunch for both Saturday and Sunday.

Departure from school will be at **8am on the Saturday** and return will be approximately **3.30pm on the Sunday** afternoon. Transport will be by school minibus.

Please complete and return the accompanying information and reply slip as soon as possible. If there are any further queries regarding details of the practice trip or of the qualifying expedition later in the year, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

A.Cochrane
Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme Coordinator





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PARENTAL CONSENT FORM

BRONZE DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD EXPEDITION

An expedition in Mid-Sussex for practice and experience of navigation and walking skills as part of the Duke of Edinburgh Award from 11 – 12 May 2019 inclusive.

I wish my son/daughter _____ (full name of child in capitals please) of tutor groupto be allowed to take part in the above-mentioned school trip and, having read the information sheets, agree to his/her taking part in any or all of the activities described.

*I enclose payment of £40 (Please make cheques payable to *Downlands Community School*)

*I have paid online

I have ensured that my child understands that it is important for his/her safety and for the safety of the group that any rules and any instructions given by the staff in charge are obeyed.

I agree that my child may participate in the above activity. The school has taken out a School Journey Insurance Policy underwritten by AIG for each pupil attending this activity, though claims arising from a pre-existing condition are exempt. The policy includes fixed levels of benefits in respect of Personal Accident and Personal Property. A copy of the policy schedule is available upon request. Any claim made under this policy does not affect your statutory rights. In respect of legal liability please note the school cannot be held responsible for any loss unless negligent.

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Please delete and complete the following as is appropriate.

Childs name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

My child has no illness, allergy, or physical disability*
 the following illness or physical disability*

* Cross out which does not apply

which necessitates the following medical treatment :-

I consent to any emergency medical treatment necessary during the course of the visit.

Signed _____ (Parent / Carer)

P.T.O.





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Special dietary requirements that accompanying staff need to be aware of

HOME ADDRESS

HOME TELEPHONE _____

If not available at the above, please state an alternative contact.

Name :- _____

Telephone no. _____

Doctor _____

Surgery _____





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DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD SCHEME EXPEDITION KITLIST BRONZE

Rucksack
Boots
Gaiters -- optional
Cagoule / Anorak -- must be waterproof !
Waterproof Trousers
Sleeping Bag (with hood + suitable temperature rating)
Carrymat -- (lilo okay but heavier)
Torch and spare batteries
Knife / Fork / Spoon / Teaspoon -- All clearly marked
Unbreakable Mug / Plate / Bowl --- All clearly marked
Tin opener - if taking tins !!
Tea Towel
2 x Polythene Bin Liners for damp / dirty clothes
Personal Wash Gear -- Toothbrush / Toothpaste / Soap etc.
Towel (small)
Training Shoes - Optional (leather are more waterproof than nylon)
Change of underclothes for each day
Thick woollen socks -- 2 / 3 pairs
Thick warm trousers / jogging bottoms to wear (**NOT JEANS**)
Spare pair of trousers
2 x Shirts / T-Shirts
Thick sweater / sweatshirt / fleece
Jogging suit / Tracksuit / Pyjamas -- as required
Shorts (check weather !!)
Handkerchiefs / Tissues
Small personal first aid kit / pack of plasters -- fabric
String + a few safety pins
Notebook and pen / pencil
Woolly hat / sun hat / sun cream / Gloves -- depending on time of year
Water Bottle -- approx. 1 litre
Matches inside a plastic bag / container
Insect Repellent



- Make sure any other items brought are **USEFUL** and **REASONABLE !**
- ****NO MOBILE PHONES PERMITTED (on the expedition itself, but could be left in bus to facilitate contact on the return journey)**
- ***** NO SHEATH KNIVES / CATAPULTS / AIR GUNS etc.**
- ****** Make sure all kit is inside your rucksack and that the rucksack is done up -- including the pockets. Rucksacks should be lined with a bin liner to ensure water resistance.**
- **Sleeping Bags should be attached firmly if not inside.**
- ******* If it won't fit into your rucksack -- LEAVE IT BEHIND! YOU PROBABLY WON'T NEED IT!**

