

25 June 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Duke of Edinburgh Expedition Thursday 1 and Friday 2 July

We are all looking forward to our planned expedition next week.

We were hoping to assess the students next week, however, we feel they are not ready for a final assessment. We will complete a second expedition which will be assessed by DofE assessors in September, dates to be confirmed by the end of term.

We have discussed some more information with your young person in our lessons this week and some of the requirements for next week. A reminder of the itinerary is below, please note where highlighted, there is a reminder that mobile phones are not allowed on the trip at all and the things that you will need to provide from home.

Date: Thursday 1– Friday 2 July

Day one:

- Travel to school as usual where they will attend a D of E registration and meeting. (All mobile phones will be handed in at this point as this is a DofE rule).
- Travel by school minibus to Bisham Sailing School for a day of Bell boating.

They will need to bring a packed lunch from home. They will need an old pair of shoes to wear and a full change of clothes in case they get wet. If it is a hot day, they will need a cap and sun lotion.

- Return to school, erect tents, cook meal (provided by home), fun activities, camp or sleep in school building.
- For this year only, it is possible for students to return home to sleep but they will need to be picked up from school at 8pm.

Day two:

- Pack away tents and camping gear.
- Cook breakfast provided by school. If they wish to have specific cereals or breads etc, you will need to send this in with them. Only send as much as they need.
- Students who slept at home return to school on transport as usual and register with DofE group.

- Travel by minibus to Marlow for orienteering activities. Lunch in park. They will need to bring a packed lunch from home, if they are camping on Thursday this will be bought into school on Thursday and will be placed in a fridge until we are ready to depart.
- Travel back to school using public transport. They will need to bring cash for this, they are researching their route and cost Monday, we will send a note home on Monday.
- Return home via usual school transport.

Please see the attached note with your young person's choice of meal. If you could provide this in a separate named bag so we can keep it refrigerated if needed. You will need to send all the ingredients they need. It may be advisable to practice cooking this with them prior to the event.

Students will also need to bring plenty of snacks, such as fruit, cereal bars, and drinks. (Please try not to send in too many sweets and fizzy drinks are limited to one per day) A refillable water bottle would be useful.

If your young person usually takes medication at home, there are some forms attached that will need to be completed. You will be contacted next week by a DofE staff member regarding the handing over of medication etc. If you are having any difficulty with acquiring kit, we do have some they can borrow.

It always gets cold at night so please ensure they have warm clothes to wear overnight and an extra blanket. We do have some roll mats at school but not enough to lend to everyone.

If you need to use any school equipment I would need to know on Monday. If you have any queries or concerns, you can contact me
email Sharon.astle@manorgreenschool.co.uk or Claire.walters@manorgreenschool.co.uk
Alternatively you can call me 01628 513800 ext:2035 (please call before 10am, 12 – 12.30 or 15.00 - 16.30).

Regards

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