



# Sandringham School

'Everybody can be Somebody'



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23<sup>rd</sup> September 2022

Dear Parent/Carers,

## Year 11 – Silver Duke of Edinburgh's Award

Your child has expressed an interest in continuing with the Duke of Edinburgh's Award to Silver level. There is an enrolment fee for each level of the Award which is £29. This has been added to your ParentPay account and the Silver level will be added to your child's eDofE account. They will then be sent their Silver pack through the post from DofE central.

We run two expeditions for Silver, both of which are compulsory. The Qualifying expedition will take place from 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> July 2023 in the Peak District. The expeditions are 3 day, 2 night expeditions.

### Practice Expedition

Date: Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> – Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2022

Departure time: 8.00am from school

Return time: 5.00pm (approximated depending on traffic)

Location: South Downs

Trip Cost: £70

Transport: Coach/minibus (outward and return)

The participants will be in groups of between 4 and 7. We will be travelling by coach down to the starting point near South Chailey.

Over the course of the expedition, the groups will be working as independent teams and staff will see them **at least** once during the course of each day at pre-arranged checkpoints. In addition, staff will be camping at the same campsites as the participants.



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## **Supervision**

An important part of the DofE experience is to be independent and self-reliant. As a DofE unit we have clear procedures in place to support groups through their expedition. Each group is provided with contact numbers for DofE mobile phones which they are permitted to ring should they encounter any difficulties. If this occurs, staff will deal with the situation. Other than ringing staff for support, mobile phones **MUST NOT** be used. Please **DO NOT** expect to be in contact with your child whilst they are on expedition. We will post updates on our Twitter feed and your child will be allowed to ring you once they have finished their expedition.

We will be camping at Plumpton Green Scout campsite and Park Wood campsite.

## **Training**

Your child attended a training and planning session on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September and there will be a final session on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October. These take place after school and will last no more than 2 hours. All timings/locations will be communicated via Google classroom.

## **Food**

Participants will need to plan their menus and supply their own food. They need to plan and provide 3 lunches, 2 evening meals and 2 breakfasts in addition to any snacks. There is guidance on expedition food on the Google classroom.

## **Kit Hire**

We have rucksacks, tents and cooking stoves which can be hired for use on expedition. Please complete the attached kit hire form and pay via ParentPay. There is a full kit list posted on Google classroom and I have attached a copy for your information. Pre-hired kit will be distributed at the training session on 6<sup>th</sup> October.

## **Medical/Consent form & Payment**

The cost of the trip is £70. Payments need to be made no later than 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2022. This can be paid via ParentPay. Could you please also complete the attached electronic medical / consent form.

Further details will be sent out following the practice expedition.

If you have any questions, or would like more information, please feel free to contact me at [dofe@sandringham.herts.sch.uk](mailto:dofe@sandringham.herts.sch.uk)

Yours sincerely,

Alison Cuneen

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Co-ordinator