



June 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

As we approach the final preparations for the Duke of Edinburgh expedition, we want to ensure that all necessary information is clear and accessible. Please review the following details carefully to ensure your child is well-prepared for the adventure.

Kit List:

A comprehensive kit list of items your child will need to bring can be found following this parent information. It is essential that all listed items are packed to ensure your child's comfort and safety during the expedition. If you are struggling to get any of the items on the list please contact lisahulland@heanorgatespencer.com in advance of the expedition. Students will be provided with:

- A roll mat
- A tent
- Trangia (Cooking stove between the group)

We ask that the weather is considered and they are prepared for all situations (suncream, raincoat, trousers as students will be walking through fields with long grass, sensible walking boots)

Kit list- https://www.dofe.org/shop/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/DofE_Expedition_KitList_April2024.pdf

Parent Information Evening:

If you were unable to attend the parent information evening, you can find a link to here:

<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1SPk9tEBn0e8OhsMnJE2izEi22DMQtbPg/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=105269826777099377187&rtpof=true&sd=true>

This session covered crucial details regarding the expedition and is highly recommended for all parents and carers. SAs part of this, please note that students will not be allowed to use their phones during the expedition, unless there is an emergency - students will be briefed on this.

Food Planning:

Students are required to pre-plan their food list with their group before the expedition and bring the ingredients with them (this will not be provided by school). This planning should include coordinating who will bring what to ensure they have enough supplies for the trip. They will need to have breakfast at home before meeting for the coach and then:

- Enough food for 2 breakfasts, 3 lunches, and 2 evening meals during the expedition, along with snacks.

Please remind your child to collaborate with their group to avoid any last-minute confusion or shortages.

Logistics:

Students will need to arrive at Heanor Gate Spencer Academy at **8.15am on Saturday 20 July 2024** and we will then travel via coach to their campsite at Barn Farm. Students will then spend 3 days and two nights for the expedition in and around the Matlock/Bakewell area. Students will be expected to **arrive back at school between approximately 3.30pm/4.00pm on Monday 22 July 2024**. Any communication in delays will be sent from the school reception. If you have any urgent concerns please contact the school mobile number - 07925 740318 for emergencies only. All other communications should go through the school reception or can be emailed to lisahulland@heanorgatespencer.com. We will endeavour to pick up this communication as quickly as possible but signal in the peak district may mean it is delayed.

Payments:

Finally, please ensure that all payments for the trip have been completed. This is crucial for finalising our arrangements and ensuring the success of the expedition.

We appreciate your support and cooperation in preparing for this exciting and valuable experience. Should you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely



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