

Our ref: LWR

Date: 30 May 2023

Dear parent/carer of

Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award

I am writing with details of the upcoming Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award that will form part of the student's award.

I have included the following as part of this letter:

Itinerary and details

Packing list (including items that may be rented from the school at a small cost)

Itinerary

Friday 16 June

- 07:00 Staff will meet pupils in the school car park. Please do not be late. We will check students' food, water, kit, clothing and rucksack mass are appropriate. Take coach to Hassop Station in the Peak District.
- 08:30 (approx.): Walk to Mandale Campsite.
- 17.00-19.00: Arrive at campsite, set up camp and cook evening meals.

Saturday 17 June

- 7.00 - 8.00: Breakfast, pack up camp.
- 8:00: Students walk in groups of 4-7 on pre planned route in the Lathkill Dale area.
- 16:00 (approx.) Student return to campsite, set up camp and cook evening meals.

Sunday 18 June

- 7.00 - 8.00: Breakfast, pack up camp.
- 8:00: Students walk in groups of 4-7 to pre planned pick up location at Hassop Station.
- 16:00 (Approx) Students take coach back to Penistone.
- 17.30 (approx.). Students picked up from school car park, or to walk home if they live locally. They will be able to contact you on their journey back to confirm pick up times.

Campsite details

Students will camp for two nights on this expedition. The campsite is an easily accessible. It has pot washing facilities and good, clean toilets and showers. The address is:

Mandale Campsite, Haddon Grove Over Haddon DE45 1JF Tel 01629 812416



Emergency contact number: 07547213134

Food

Students have planned their food in the Wednesday P5 school sessions

Students should bring all the food with them that they will need, and a sturdy, full water container which carries at least a litre. They will need sufficient food for three packed lunches, 2 breakfasts and two cooked evening meals on the Friday and Saturday nights, and some high energy emergency rations such as nuts, dried fruit or Kendal mint cake, which they shouldn't eat until they are finished. They will be provided with Trangia stoves to cook hot food with (we will supply them with fuel) prior to the expedition. The students have received training on the food required for the expedition and how to prepare a hot meal using a Trangia stove safely.

Costs

Students will not need any money with them.

Students have been asked to complete a form on teams if they intend to borrow school equipment.

Mobile phones

Part of the reasons for the award is to engineer greater independence in young people. This extends to our mobile phone policy on expeditions.

Students will be able to carry their mobile phones in case of emergency. These will be put into a plastic bag that is sealed with tape so they do not use them unless it is an emergency.

Please do not expect contact with your child during the day. If you need to contact them in case of emergency, I have included the school phone number below.

They may contact you in the evening once they arrive at the campsite.

Please can you ask your child to download the 'what three words' app on their phone if possible. It offers high quality location finding in case of an emergency.

Telephone numbers

School mobile number (carried by staff on the expedition): **07547213134**

Weather/Kit

Students should ensure they pack for all eventualities. If the night time is very clear, temperatures may drop very low. It is really important that the students have a warm, dry sleeping bag and dry clothes to change into at night, can I ask you to ensure that these items are well packed in dry bags/ thick plastic bags (rubble bags or thick garden waste bags are better for this, black bin bags have been known to leak when students have used these in the past).

Students should refer to the kit list (included below) to ensure they are properly prepared and are aware that they are to be completely self-reliant. Students should have an effective sunscreen SPF30 or greater and we advise wearing a sun hat.



Behaviour

Students are expected to behave in an exemplary manner as ambassadors of the school. Students will need to follow instructions from staff. Should the conduct of a student in the lead up to, or during the visit, be deemed either unacceptable or likely to put the health, wellbeing, safety and/or enjoyment of other students on the trip at risk, the Principal reserves the right to withdraw that student's place from the visit, or they may be returned home prior to the end of the visit. All school policies will be in place during the visit. Road safety will be taken very seriously.

Consent

Please provide consent [here](#). On giving consent you are agreeing to your child taking part in the above activity and have read the information provided agreeing to his/her participation in the activities described. You are also agreeing to your child receiving any emergency medical treatment that may be deemed necessary. If there are any exceptions to this, please provide us with the necessary information in writing. We need permission for photos for school use, medical information and parent consent.

Please note it is essential you provide consent via the above Form.

If you have any other questions please do not hesitate to contact me at school on 01226 762114 or email me at lwright@penistone-gs.uk

Yours sincerely

Mr Wright
Party Leader

