

Our Ref: 118/16

20th September 2016

Dear Parent/Carer

DofE Expedition: Your son is in Group 3:

The plan is to:

- 1. Collect kit from school on Thursday 29th September 2.30pm after last lesson near the Sports Hall. He will keep this kit and be expected to either dry a tent or clean a stove to use on the next expedition and return on Sunday 9th October.**

- 2. Practice Expedition: Saturday 1st October – Sunday 2nd October 2016 Bispham Scout Camp Site - arrive 9.15am.**

Directions: You will find Bispham Hall Estate on Ordnance Survey map, Sheet 108 (Liverpool) at grid reference SD 523025. The entrance to the site is approximately 200 metres from the junction of Crank Road and the B5206, opposite the main entrance to the former Billinge Hospital site. Travellers from the North or South, on the M6, should leave at Junction 26 (A577) and follow signs for Billinge.

The nearest main railway station is Wigan North Western on the West Coast Main Line. Orrell Station, on the Wigan Wallgate – Liverpool Line is approximately 1 mile away.

- 3. Qualifying Expedition Saturday 8th October – Sunday 9th October 2016 – change of venue – Saturday Drop off at Hesketh Arms, 81 Liverpool Rd, Rufford, Ormskirk L40 1SB**

M57 to Switch Island then follow the A59 through Ormskirk and Burscough, watch out for the speed cameras, continue on the A59 to Rufford and the pub is on the left, please pull into the carpark.

Sunday pick up point – Lydiate Hall Farm Shop and Hay Loft Café, Lydiate Hall Farm, Southport Rd, Lydiate, Merseyside, L31 4HD – pick up at 3.00pm approx.

Take M57 to A59 Ormskirk, follow A59 past for about 1.5 miles, past Shell garage and traffic lights. At the next island take 1st exit to Lydiate, then immediate right down Moss Lane. Follow Moss Lane to the end to meet a mini roundabout and Weld Blundell Pub, turn right on to Southport Road. Drive over canal bridge, just past the Scotch Piper you will find Lydiate Farm Shop on the left, turn down drive and into car park.

Your son will camp at Scarisbrick Guide Campsite, Scarisbrick Hall School, Scarisbrick, Southport.

I apologise for the change in venue at this late notice but the Scouts have an event on for 700 young people and we do not feel this will be best conditions for your son to complete his DofE.

Food and menus – have been planned on the training day.

We will not have a fridge to store milk and any fresh produce, pies etc. He will be cooking on a camping stove, and we advise not to bring fried food or food which has to be baked.

Your son will also need to provide food for the following meals:

Saturday lunch – packed sandwiches, cereal bars, etc.

Saturday Evening meal -pasta and sauce, curry and rice, and a pudding, hot chocolate etc and biscuits for supper.

Sunday breakfast - porridge pot, cereal bars etc not fresh bacon and sausage as we will not be able to refrigerate it

Sunday lunch – wraps, pitta bread, etc (vacuum packed), jam butties, cheese etc, not cold meat, pies which have to be kept in a fridge etc

Snacks – plentiful supply as they are not allowed to buy anything.

Your son will use about 6000 calories per day while away so meals should be substantial.

It is strongly suggested that the food for these meals is shared amongst members of the groups (buying together saves bringing too much and costs less!).


Transport to the Expedition Sites: You will be expected to transport your son to and pick up from the venues for the expeditions.

Emergency contact number is 07771 693 007

Please complete and return the attached consent form.

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Yours sincerely



Mrs A N Penketh
Vice Principal

Mrs J Riding
D of E Co-ordinator

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REPLY SLIP TO: Mrs Riding/Mrs Penketh before Thursday 29th September if you have not already submitted it.

Student _____

Form _____

I authorise my son to take part in the Bronze DofE Expeditions **on**

Practice Expedition: Saturday 1st October – Sunday 2nd October 2016.

Qualifying Expedition: Saturday 8th October – Sunday 9th October 2016.

Signed _____ (parent/carer) Date _____