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Dear Parents

**Duke of Edinburgh’s Award Final Expedition**

Pupils involved in the Duke of Edinburgh’s Award will be taking part in their final expedition on 8-9 and 10-11 July. The expedition will be in the Barnard Castle area, and groups will be camping overnight at Barnard Castle. Pupils will not be accompanied by members of staff as they walk, however, they will be closely monitored through observation and meeting at regular checkpoints. There will also be a staff presence on each campsite overnight.

As previously advised, it is part of the awards criteria that pupils plan and complete an unaccompanied self-reliant expedition. This means that groups must make their own way to starting points and be collected when the expedition is completed. I trust that there are no problems with this and groups have been able to make the required arrangements.

This trip is covered by the Schools insurance policy. A full risk assessment has been undertaken by the group leader. All pupils and staff will be carrying First Aid kits. We endeavour to take photographs on as many school trips as possible, please visit our website, facebook and twitter pages to view a selection of photographs.

Please complete the tear-off slip at the bottom of this letter to give your consent and also to advise us if there has been any change to your child’s medical information since the practice walk in October. I would be grateful if you could return this by Wednesday 3 July. I have also included a copy of the kit list, both for your information and in case your child has misplaced their earlier copy.

Do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about the expedition or any other aspect of the Award.

Yours sincerely

Mrs S Williamson

**Duke of Edinburgh’s Final Expedition: 8-9 & 10-11 July 2019**

Name..... Form.....

I give consent for my son/ daughter to take part in the Duke of Edinburgh’s Award practice expedition on 8-9 or 10-11 July. There has/has not been any changes to their medical information since the practice walk in October. Please give details of any changes

Changes.....

Signed (parent/guardian).....

## **RED HOUSE SCHOOL D OF E EXPEDITION EQUIPMENT**

### **CLOTHING**

Walking boots  
Trainers  
Socks  
Underwear  
Trousers  
Shirts/ tops  
Sweaters/ fleece tops  
Hat  
Gloves  
Waterproof jacket (breathable type recommended)  
Waterproof over trousers  
Gaiters (optional but recommended)

### **PERSONAL CAMPING EQUIPMENT**

Rucksack (approx. 65 litre capacity)  
Sleeping bag  
Sleeping mat  
Soap and towel  
Toothbrush  
Toilet paper  
Mug and plate(s)  
Knife, fork and spoon  
Food (as detailed on menu)  
Water bottle (**make sure it does not leak!**)  
Sun tan lotion

### **PERSONAL EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT**

Map (school will provide)  
Watch  
Compass and whistle  
Emergency action card  
Emergency food (something like 3 Mars bars or similar)  
Matches or lighter  
Torch with spare batteries and bulb  
Survival bag/ space blanket  
Spare clothes  
Tin opener  
First aid kit  
Paper and pencil (in a plastic bag to keep it dry)  
1 mobile telephone per group

### **GROUP CAMPING EQUIPMENT**

Tent (school will provide)  
Trangia (school will provide)  
Gas (school will provide)  
Washing up liquid  
Sponge/scourer pad  
Cloth/old tea towel