



25 September 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

### Duke of Edinburgh's Bronze Award – Expedition

I hope this message finds you well. First and foremost, I would like to extend my appreciation for your patience and commitment in the completion of your child's Duke of Edinburgh's Bronze Award. I am delighted to share with you the details for the upcoming Duke of Edinburgh's Award (DofE) Qualifying Expedition.

#### Details of the Expedition:

- **Date:** Friday 20 October 2023 to Saturday 21 October 2023
- **Location:** Squirrel Wood, The Abbes Walk, Burghwallis, Doncaster, DN6 9JQ
- **Drop of Location:** Cusworth Hall, Cusworth Lane, Doncaster, DN5 7TU
- **Drop-off Time:** 7:45 am on Friday, 20th October at Cusworth Hall
- **Pick-up Time:** 2.30 PM Saturday, 21st October at Cusworth Hall
- **Parking:** Parking at Cusworth Hall is payable. We strongly advise that you drop your child and leave swiftly to avoid congestion and the departure being delayed.

#### Important Guidance for the Expedition:

1. **Preparation:** In advance of the expedition, please ensure that all participants thoroughly review the kit list and come fully prepared with the necessary gear. If any issues or questions regarding the equipment arise, don't hesitate to reach out to me for guidance and assistance.
2. **Tracking App:** To facilitate safety and monitoring, we kindly request that all participants download the "Life360" app before the expedition. This app will enable us to keep track of their progress and well-being throughout the journey.
3. **Mobile Phones:** Mobile phones will be allowed, but they are strictly for emergency use only. All phones must remain securely stored in participants' bags at all times. Non-compliance with this rule may lead to failing the expedition criteria.
4. **Practice Sessions:** We highly encourage participants to attend practice sessions that cover essential skills like pitching and packing away tents and using stoves. These sessions will enhance their competence and confidence during the expedition. More information on these sessions will be provided shortly.
5. **Planning:** Before the expedition, it is crucial for participants to form their groups, chart their routes, and establish their group aim. This planning phase will contribute to a well-organised and exciting experience for all. A session of the expectations for has already taken place in school.
6. **Archery Session:** As an added treat, there will be a group archery session during the expedition. Please ensure that the consent for this activity is completed on the attached form. A small payment of £3.50 for this activity can be made on MCAS.

This DofE Qualifying Expedition presents an exciting opportunity for personal growth and adventure. We kindly remind all participants to complete the consent form that is on MCAS in a timely manner to ensure a smooth and safe journey for everyone involved.

Should you have any questions, concerns, or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me at via 01977 781555 or email [admin@carletonhigh.patrust.org.uk](mailto:admin@carletonhigh.patrust.org.uk)

Once again, thank you for your patience and dedication. We look forward to a successful and enriching expedition.

Yours sincerely,  
B McKinlay  
Duke of Edinburgh Leader