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School

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Date: October 2019

Our Ref: RMI/HW

Dear Parent/Carer

**The Duke of Edinburgh's Award
King Egbert School**

Please find below a summary following the recent parents' information evening.

Payment Schedule

The expeditions will be co-ordinated by an outside provider BXM expeditions. They charge £152.50 per participant and this includes the training and staffing for the 2 expedition weekends. Also, included in the cost is the use of tents, maps, trangia stoves and gas fuel.

DofE students will also need a welcome pack which includes the DofE participation fee at the cost of £22.50. Please note that this is not a charge levied by school but the national DofE organisation.

1st Instalment - £100 along with completed Enrolment and Consent Form by **Friday 31 January 2020**.

2nd Instalment - £75 is payable **by Friday 6 March 2020**

Payments should be made Via Parentpay (if you have forgotten your login then please email enquiries@ecgbert.sheffield.sch.uk and details will be forwarded to you). This allows payments to be made securely on-line using a debit/credit card. You will also be asked to give consent by ticking a box but we still require the manual Consent Form due to the nature of the activity.

The total cost covers registration, administration and expeditions. Refunds cannot be given and therefore commitment from your child is required.

If you require a different payment schedule, email rminshull@ecgbert.sheffield.sch.uk in confidence.

Expedition Dates and other information

- Training Day – Saturday 24 March 2020 (9am – 4pm in school)
- Practice Expedition – 6 June – 7 June 2020
- Qualifying Expedition – 4 July – 5 July 2020

It will be the responsibility of parents/carers to ensure the young people are at the start and collected from the finish point at the times stated for each of the Expeditions. Details of the expeditions will be emailed to parents closer to the time.



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The expeditions will be organised and supervised by BXM Expeditions. All their staff and instructors have been assessed, DBS checked, first-aid qualified and hold a National Governing Body outdoor qualification for the relevant area.

BXM Expeditions staff will be assessing the qualifying venture and they will decide if a student has met the conditions and shown the level of competency required. If they feel this is not the case then students may be deferred and have to undertake a further expedition.

If a student's behaviour does not meet expected standard then BXM Expeditions will contact you at any time of the day or night to immediately come and collect your child.

Once enrolled BXM expeditions will email parents direct with the following documentation. Therefore, it is important that the email address on the Consent Form is legible:

- Expedition information
- Kit List plus store offers and discounts
- Behaviour and Phone Policy
- Kit hire information
- Parental Responsibility information
- Electronic Medical Forms for completion.

Further details regarding insurance, procedures, terms and conditions and other information can be found on their website at www.bxmexpeditions.co.uk

What next?

Once we have received the first instalment and Consent Form the welcome packs can be ordered and distributed. Students will need to attend their allocated registration session in order to receive their log in and welcome pack. They will also be given further information about how to start recording their activities, timescales and aims online using edofe.

Any suitable activity maybe backdated to the 2 September 2019 which means that students can be completing their activities whilst waiting for their welcome pack.

- Volunteering – to encourage helping individuals and the community
- Skills – to encourage the discovery and development of practical and personal interests
- Physical – to encourage participation and improvement in physical activity
- Expedition – to encourage a spirit of adventure and discovery by preparing and carrying out an adventurous journey as part of a team.

Advice and support is offered/provided to students in order to help them complete all sections of the award. However, ultimately the students are responsible for their own progress through the award.

If you have any questions please contact Miss Minshull at the above email or alternatively visit the national website www.DofE.org

Yours faithfully



Miss Minshull
DofE Manager

Important Dates

Friday 31 January 2020 – First payment of £100 together with Enrolment and Consent Form.

Friday 6 March 2020 – Final payment of £75 due.

Saturday 21 March 2020 - Training Day (9am – 4pm) in school

Weekend 6 June to 7 June 2020 - Practice Expedition in the Peak District

Weekend 4 July to 5 July 2020 - Qualifying Expedition in the Peak District