



Wednesday 5th March 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

RE: Duke of Edinburgh Expeditions Bronze and Silver, ParentPay & Checklists

This letter is to inform you that your child will be participating in a Duke of Edinburgh Bronze or Silver Expedition from the following dates: 12.3.25 to 14.3.25. The expeditions will be held at Pindale Farm, Pindale Rd, Hope, Hope Valley S33 6RN, with an expected arrival time of 8.30am on the 12th March and a departure time between 3.30 - 4.00pm on the 14th March. Parents are responsible for ensuring the safe and timely transit of their child to and from the venue.

Why have we chosen Premier expedition?

Premier Expeditions serves as an accredited provider for the Duke of Edinburgh's Award, offering comprehensive expedition programs across bronze, silver, and gold levels. Their services cater to a diverse range of participants, including schools, youth groups, and individual adventurers. They specialize in delivering thorough training, well-structured practice expeditions, and rigorously assessed qualifying expeditions, ensuring participants are fully prepared to meet the DofE's requirements. Their team of professional experts collaborates closely with clients to customise programs, ensuring they align with the specific needs of each group. Furthermore, recognising that some individuals may have completed training independently, Premier Expeditions also facilitates open qualifying expeditions, enabling these participants to finalise their assessed journeys.

How do I ensure payment is made in advance of the expedition dates?

As per the letter sent out and signed by all parents on 11.9.24, the cost of the Duke of Edinburgh, which includes 1-day training, 3-day practice expedition, 3-day official, plus tents and stoves, the full amount has been uploaded on ParentPay today. The payment due is as follows:

- Bronze: £238.50 (includes the registration fee of £25)
- Silver: £248.50 (includes the registration fee of £25)

Failure to pay fully on **ParentPay** by no later than **Monday 10th March 2025 until 7pm**, in advance of the expedition, will lead to your child's place on the official expedition taking place in the summer being at risk. Pupils must complete the official expedition to achieve the full award. The amount paid is non-refundable irrespective of the child continuing on the second part of the programme in the summer. They cannot participate in the second stage without having completed the practice.

During this Duke of Edinburgh expedition, pupils and staff will be hiking around the Peak District for three days, covering about 11 to 15 kilometres a day. They'll use maps and compasses to find their way, carrying everything they need. Each day involves lots of walking, then setting up camp and cooking their own food on small stoves. This trip helps students learn to be independent, work as a team, and enjoy the outdoors.



For meals, pupils need:

a lightweight mess kit (plate, bowl, mug),
eating utensils
and sufficient food for the entire expedition, including high-energy snacks.

Example of a food list (reminder, pupils will be on the expedition for three days):

Breakfast (x2):

- Instant oatmeal packets (various Flavors)
- Dried fruit and nut mix
- Hot chocolate/tea sachets

Lunch (x2):

- Pitta bread or tortillas
- Squeezy cheese or hummus pouches
- Vegetarian jerky or falafel packets
- Individual fruit pots or apples

Dinner (x2):

- Instant noodles or couscous
- Dehydrated vegetarian meals (e.g., lentil curry, vegetable pasta)
- Vegetarian bean pouches or tinned chickpeas.

Snacks (throughout the day):

- Energy bars/granola bars (check for vegetarian suitability)
- Trail mix (nuts, seeds, dried fruit)
- Dark chocolate
- Hard sweets/glucose tablets (for quick energy)
- Rice cakes.

Drinks:

- Water
- Electrolyte tablets or powder (for rehydration)

Please note: All pupils received two paper copies of the expedition equipment check list and an online copy via Teams previously.

For emergencies, during the Duke of Edinburgh expedition at Pindale Farm (S33 6RN), we have a clear plan. The closest hospital for serious injuries is Chesterfield Royal Hospital (Calow, Chesterfield S44 5BL). For smaller issues, Buxton Medical Practice (Bath Rd, Buxton SK17 6HH) is nearby. If medication is needed, Boots Pharmacy in Hope (Edale Rd, Hope, Hope Valley S33 6ZF) is available, however, we will need your written and/or email consent to administer it. A trained first-aider will



be with the groups at all times. We will have contact details for emergency services, hospitals, and expedition leaders readily available.

Please note: if your child becomes ill or is unable to continue, it will be your parents/carers it will be your responsibility to pick your child up from Pindale Farm (S33 6RN)

Pupils are permitted to bring mobile phones on the Duke of Edinburgh expedition, however, to encourage full engagement with the outdoor experience and promote group cohesion, all personal phones will be stored securely during daylight hours. Each group will be allocated one designated phone for emergency SOS contact only. At the end of each day, students will be given their phones back for a short period to contact parents and inform them of their progress.

Seva staff accompanying the trip:

- G. Virdee: Assistant Principal
- A. Swales: Assistant Principal SEND & Inclusion and Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead
- S. Subhra: First Aid
- T. Malhi: PE Lead Teacher
- K. Convery: Careers lead and Educational Visits Co-ordinator
- Staff at the venue:
- Chris Phillips – Director of Premier Expeditions
- Steve Bull – Expedition lead
- Additional staff present to support with expedition
- Contact details: 01433620111 (Pindale Farm)

Please complete the following statements on the next page and ensure they are signed and returned to Mr Malhi by no later 7pm Monday 10th March 2025. This will provide the most up to date information about your child as close to as possible the expedition commencing.



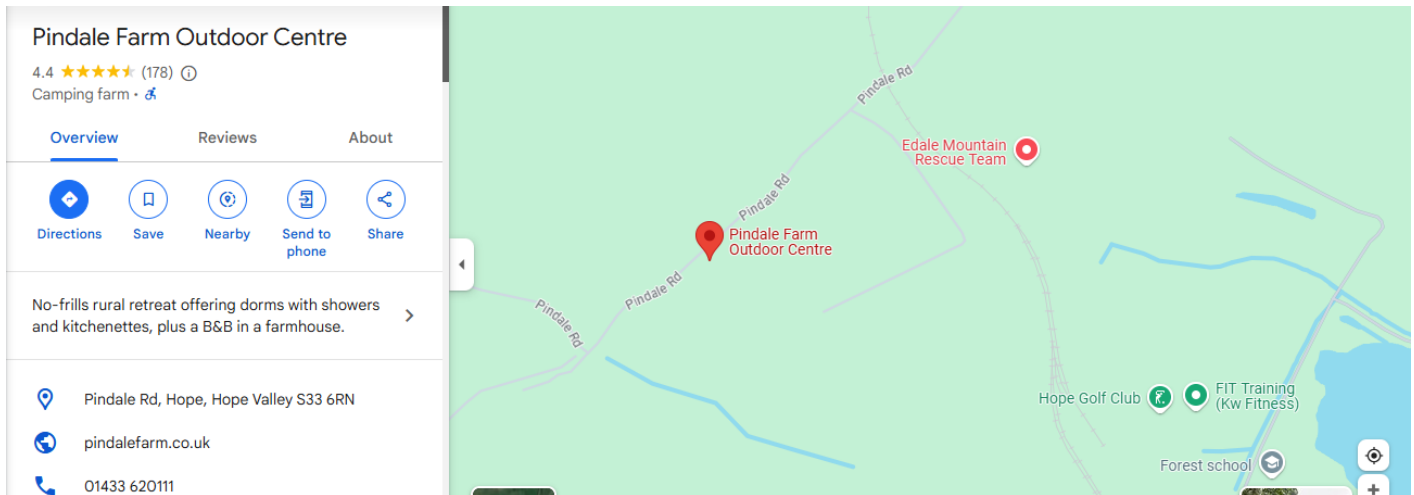
Consent form (please complete and return paper copy to Mr Malhi):

<p>My child's name:</p> <p>Form:</p> <p>Print name of parent signing this form here:</p> <p>Statements</p>	<p>Parent signature to confirm the statements have been met</p>	<p>Date signed by the parent to confirm the statements</p>
<p>I give consent for my child to attend the residential</p>		
<p>I have paid in full on Parent Pay by no later than 7pm on Monday 10th March 2025 for the correct certified course either Bronze or Silver for my child.</p>		
<p>I take responsibility for the safe and timely transit of my child to and from the venue on the dates and times shared.</p>		
<p>I give permission for you to administer the following medication to my child whilst on the trip at the following frequency and dose:</p>		



Wednesday 12th to 14th March 2025 – Practice Bronze and Silver Expedition

- **Pindale Farm Outdoor Centre**
- Pindale Rd, Hope, Hope Valley, S33 6RN.
- Phone: 01433 620111



- Wednesday 12th of March 2025 – Please arrive with your child between 8.30am - 9.00 am
- Friday 14th of March 2025 – Please pick up your child from between 3.00pm - 4.30 pm

Contact details for further support:

- T.Malhi@seva.coventry.sch.uk
- S.subhra2@seva.coventry.sch.uk

Both teachers will be able to access their emails throughout the residential.

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Malhi as per the email above.

Thank you for your support and consideration.

Yours sincerely,

T. Malhi

Mr T Malhi

Duke of Edinburgh Coordinator