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Dear Parents/Carers

Duke of Edinburgh, Bronze Award Practice Expedition: Mendip Hills, Sat 27 to Sun 28 April

We are writing to provide final details and arrangements for the practice Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award expedition taking place this month. Please read the details below carefully.

Dates and Transport

The practice expedition will take place on the Mendip Hills on **Saturday 27 to Sunday 28 April** and involves two days walking and one overnight camp. Due to the number of students taking part this year, we are asking that parents drop off and pick up their son/daughter at designated locations and times. The groups are having staggered starts and different drop off/pick up points as outlined below. You son/daughter should be aware of which group they are in but if they have forgotten the details are on FROG.

Groups 1 – 6

Please can you drop your son/daughter off at **Ebbor Wood car park** near Wookey Hole at the stated drop off and pick up time in the table below. (Grid reference ST521485 or Post Code BA5 1AY (closest) – see map)

Groups 7 – 12

Please can you drop your son/daughter of **car park just beyond the Burrington Inn Café in Burrington Coombe** at the stated drop off and pick up time in the table below. (Grid reference ST476587 or Post Code BS40 7AT – see map).

Ebbor Wood car park	Drop off time	Pick up time
Groups 1-3	10am – Saturday, 27 April	c.3.00pm – Sunday, 28 April
Groups 4-6	11am – Saturday, 27 April	c.4.00pm - Sunday, 28 April

Burrington Coombe	Drop off time	Pick up time
Groups 7-9	10am – Saturday, 27 April	c.3.00pm – Sunday, 28 April
Groups 10-12	11am – Saturday, 28 April	c.4.00pm - Sunday, 1 July

Please be aware that finish times for groups will vary depending on how they progress but we anticipate groups to be **finished between 3.00 pm to 4.00 pm**. We do ask that you be patient and flexible with picking up your son/daughter on the Sunday.

Equipment and food

It is important that your son/daughter is suitably equipped for the expedition, all students were given guidance on the training day and the kit list available on FROG. It can also be found on Wild Country Consultants website at www.wildcountryconsultants.co.uk

Group kit such as tents, maps, stoves and fuel will be provided by Wild Country Consultants. But all other kit items must be personally provided including a compass, personal first aid kit and food for the weekend (2x lunches, 1x evening meal, 1x breakfast & snacks).

Mobile phones and contact details

Students are allowed to bring their mobile phones with them. However, they must be fully charged, switched off and stored safely in their packs for emergency use only. Please note the school cannot take responsibility for any lost or damaged personal items whilst out on the expedition.

Staff will have phones and contact details provided by you on the enrolment form. It is important that you are available during the duration of the weekend at any time in case there were a need for you to pick up your son/daughter.

We look forward to seeing you on Saturday 27 April. If you have any questions about these arrangements, please email us at the school via mailbox@backwellschool.net

Yours sincerely

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