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Dear Parents and Carers,

SILVER DofE EXPEDITION - FINAL REMINDERS

Here are some important reminders for the next few weeks that all students should be already aware of as we have been meeting weekly since Christmas.

Friday 22nd-24th March - PRACTICE WEEKEND

Students should come to school in their Expedition clothes with all their kit, which will be stored in SSGC. They will take part in morning lessons before departing for their walk to Drimpton from lunchtime. Route cards need to be completed before they go, and the deadline for this was last week. Fitness training continues to be important, so that students can carry all of their equipment for the minimum expectation of 7 hours on each of the three days. The walk continues on Saturday after camping out on Saturday night. Pick up from school on Sunday morning by 8am.

Thursday 28th March

Deadline for assessor's reports.

EASTER HOLIDAYS

Practice navigation and continue fitness training.

Tuesday 16th April

Deadline for route cards to be completed for assessment weekend.

Friday 26th-28th April - ASSESSMENT WEEKEND

Students should come to school in their Expedition clothes with all their kit, which will be stored in SSGC. Students will leave school at break time. They will camp out both nights, and should be finished by about 2pm on the Sunday. Teams will be remotely supervised, rotating around static staff who can supply water if needed. Assessment will take place throughout the weekend.

At this stage it is essential that we have accurate and up-to-date medical and contact information for all students, so **PLEASE** inform Reception as a **matter of urgency** if there have been any changes.

I hope you understand how we will need flexibility with finish times on these weekends, due to the unpredictability of weather, pace and navigational ability!

With such dreadful weather so far this year it would be a good idea if students are able to visit/check the ground they intend to walk on in advance, in case alternative routes need to be considered due to flooding etc.

A polite request, also, that any food purchased/bought for the 'main meal' should not involve cooking, only heating. This includes pasta and rice, which can now be bought at most stores already cooked, and is therefore much quicker and far more convenient for the students.

Should you have any queries, please feel free to contact me on RRandall@beaminster.dorset.sch.uk

Thank you

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