

17 March 2011

To: Parents of D of E Pupils

Dear Parents

D of E Training Weekend – 2-3 April 2011

The training weekend is designed to put into the practice the skills the participants have learnt thus far and as such it is required in order to be able to continue with the award. Your son/daughter should be communicating with their allocated staff mentor to ensure they know what is required to successfully complete the weekend.

Details for drop off and collection are as follows:

- Silver groups are to arrive by 1000 on 2 April. On arrival, pupils must register with Mrs Nash. Collection should be around 1400 on 3 April (dependant on what time they get up/start walking)
- **The start and finish point of the event will be the second car-park in the Queen Elizabeth Country Park. Please drive past the first car-park and the café/reception building – after approx 200m the road bends round to the left and the car-park is immediately on the right.**
- Bronze groups are to arrive by 1100 on 2 April. On arrival, pupils must register with their group mentor. Collection should be around 1300 on 3 April (dependant on what times they get up/start walking).
- **There are 2 start and finish points for the Bronze Groups. Groups A + G, H, I, J, K will start at Denmead and finish at Warnford. Groups B, C,D, E, F will start at Warnford and finish at Denmead. The first start/ finish point is a car park in Denmead GR SU 659121 / this is also a finish point for some groups on the Sunday. The second start/ finish point is at the Pub (George and Falcon) car park in Warnford GR SU 625231.**

The groups will be camping overnight at the Sustainability Centre (GRSU 675191), which is between Clanfield and East Meon. Pupils must use 2 or 3-man tents. **No pupils will sleep on their own.** Staff will also be camping. Each group will be given Trangia stoves and gas to cook with. However, they will need to bring food for the duration of the weekend (Packed lunch, hot evening meal and breakfast /lunch for Sun). All pupils must eat something cooked on Saturday evening – Pot Noodles do not count as a hot meal! Maps will be issued before the weekend.

It is really important to embrace the spirit of the event and not look for corners to cut – pupils should try to be adventurous with their choice of food (staff mentors will help with this) and cook/eat together. The aim of the weekend is to foster team spirit and camaraderie as well as develop navigational and camp-craft skills, in preparation for the assessed expeditions later in the summer term.

Please complete the attached consent form and return it to Mr Ager for Bronze award and Mrs Nash for Silver award **by 29 March** (by email if you prefer).

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If you have any specific questions please contact you son/daughters group mentor in the first instance, as each mentor is responsible for a group of 7 participants. Any general questions for the bronze award can be addressed to Mr Ager d.ager@pgs.org.uk or Mrs Nash r.nash@pgs.org.uk for the silver award.

Yours sincerely

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Parental Consent and Information Form

This completed consent/information form must be with the Trip Leader by the date specified in the covering letter, otherwise the pupil will be unable to be included in the party.

Title of Trip:	D of E Training Weekend Bronze Group/Silver Group * (Please delete one)	Date:	2 & 3 April 2011
Pupil Details			
Pupil's full name:		Date of birth:	
Home address and contact address (if different):			
In an emergency I can be contacted as follows:	Home Tel:		Work Tel:
	Mobile:		email
If not available, please contact the following person:		Tel:	

Medical Information: Please tick Yes or No for each question and give details for each 'Yes'			
Does your child:	NO	YES	DETAILS
suffer from any allergy to food, medication, fur, bee sting etc.?			
currently receive treatment for or take any medication for or suffer from any medical condition?			
carry an inhaler, epipen, insulin kit or other? If yes, please ensure that a second labelled inhaler, epipen etc. is given to the Trip Leader for safe keeping.			
have any special dietary requirements?			
suffer from vertigo (fear of heights)?			
suffer from travel or motion sickness?			
Is there any physical activity your child may not participate in?			

Please Turnover

		NO	YES	DETAILS
Has your child had any recent illness or injury? If yes, please give details of what and when.				
Has your child had a tetanus injection in the last 10 years?				
Contact details for doctor: Name:	Address:		Tel:	
Please add any additional information you may consider the school should know. Please feel free to contact the Trip Leader if you would like to discuss particular needs more fully.				
Please ensure that you inform the Trip Leader of any changes to this information before the start of the trip.				
Conduct during the Trip				
<p>Pupils are expected to obey instructions given by the staff of any establishment visited, and activity instructors, as well as teachers. Normal school rules apply. In the very unlikely event that a pupil fails to comply, staff reserve the right to remove a pupil from a trip and make arrangements for their return home at parents' expense. In this situation no refund of trip fees would be payable.</p> <p>Pupils are expected to take responsibility of all belongings, especially valuables, in accordance with arrangements specific to the trip. These are not covered by the school insurance policy.</p>				
Consent Declaration				
<p>I, being the parent/guardian of the child named at the head of this form, give consent for him/her to attend the proposed activity.</p> <p>I have read and understood the expected code of conduct and agree that my son or daughter will abide by these instructions.</p> <p>I realise that in some cases the activities offered have some risk involved which may be of a type not encountered during normal life and that this risk whilst small, cannot be eliminated without making the activity pointless. Portsmouth Grammar School has done its utmost to minimise and manage these risks.</p> <p>I give consent for him/her to receive emergency medical treatment, including anaesthetic and/or blood transfusion, as considered necessary by any medical doctor present, should the need arise. I have informed the school of all medical conditions or treatments that he/she suffers from or requires to maintain health. I agree to inform the group leader of any change in medical condition.</p> <p>I am aware that the school has a detailed policy on the safe running of educational visits, which can viewed on the school website.</p> <p>Name: _____</p> <p>Signature and date: _____</p> <p>Relationship to child: _____</p> <p>Please return the signed form to the Trip Leader</p>				