

6 April 2011

Dear Parents

### **Silver Duke of Edinburgh Assessed Expedition 1-3 July 2011**

This year, the Silver Duke of Edinburgh assessed expedition will take place over the period 1-3 July. Please ensure your son/daughter has everything they require for the expedition in good time; there shouldn't be any panic packing the night before! We are staying at two camp sites on the Isle of Wight over the three days, Thorness Bay Park near Cowes on the first evening and Compton Farm, Brook near Newport on the second night. The start of the walking route will be from school via the Portsmouth/Fishbourne ferry on the 1 July and the end in Yarmouth, to return on the ferry to Lymington on Sunday 3 July.

Your son/daughter should enter all the details of the expedition into their eDofE account before the expedition takes place. They should work closely with the rest of the group as well as their assigned Mentor and review the notes on the School T-Drive relating to Duke of Edinburgh expeditions. Pupils have been asked to complete a route card which are essential in order to undertake the expedition and failure to submit a route card before 29 April will mean a group can not undertake the expedition. Each team should ensure that they have at least one OS Explorer Map OL29 (Isle of Wight) for the expedition.

There will be a competition with a prize for the group that plans and cooks the best meal on the first evening. The campsite we are staying at for the first night has a swimming pool, and on the second night we are close to the beach so there will be an opportunity for the pupils to swim. In order for your son/daughter to be able to swim I would be grateful if you could complete the attached water consent form as well as the usual consent form and return them to me before the 10 May.

Please ensure you drop off your son/daughter at 8.45 am on 1 July at the main gate of school as we are booked onto 10 am Ferry. If a pupil is going to be late I would be grateful if they could contact me so we can ensure they do not miss taking part in the expedition. Please can they register with Miss Dyer and provide their mobile number. I anticipate they will be ready for collection shortly after 4pm on 3<sup>rd</sup> July from the **Lymington Ferry terminal**.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

**Rebecca Nash**  
**Head of Silver Duke of Edinburgh**

## 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.

<b>Title of Trip:</b>	Silver Duke of Edinburgh Assessed Expedition	<b>Date:</b>	1-3 July 2011
<b>Pupil Details</b>			
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:	

<b>Medical Information: Please tick Yes or No for each question and give details for each 'Yes'</b>			
Does your child:	NO	YES	DETAILS
suffer from any allergy to food, medication, fur, bee sting etc.?			
currently receive treatment for <b>or</b> take any medication for <b>or</b> 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.				
<b>Please ensure that you inform the Trip Leader of any changes to this information before the start of the trip.</b>				
<b>Conduct during the Trip</b>				
<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>				
<b>Consent Declaration</b>				
<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>				