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Dear Parents/Guardians,

cc: students

Re: Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award Practice Expedition 22nd-23rd March 2023

As the date of the Practice Expedition draws near, I would like to inform you of the contingency arrangements: Plan B; that we have put in place with regards to the weather.

Next Monday, 20th March, we will look at the forecast weather conditions for Wednesday 22nd March, taking into account the day and night-time conditions that students might face, and we will make an assessment as to whether students should camp overnight as planned. If it is judged imprudent, Plan B will come into operation:

Plan B

Parents/Guardians will be asked to pick up their child from Ross Wood campsite, ideally after 19.30 but before 20.30 on Wednesday evening to allow students to have prepared, eaten dinner and washed up their plates and dishes.

The following morning, parents should return their child to Ross Wood, ideally between 07.45 and 08.15, having breakfasted at home. Parents should share transport between them if this is convenient.

Details of how to access Ross Wood can be found here: <https://www.rosswoods.org.uk/find-us>

Should we decide to implement Plan B, the successful completion of the bronze award will not be affected.

You will be emailed by close of play Monday 20th March to advise you whether Plan B will be implemented and a letter will be put on the school website, which you will find under Life at Langton, letters home.

If we go ahead as planned with the overnight camping, I would like to remind you that it is important that your child has a 3 or 4 season sleeping bag and roll mat as per the expedition training notes that you were sent on 1st February. A hat and gloves and several warm layers, t-shirts, jumpers, and socks should be reserved to be worn in bed. Your child has access to the kit list in our 'Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award' team on Teams.

We will meet in the canteen on Wednesday morning and will be aiming to set off at 9am - so anyone who will need to transfer their items to one of the Activity Provider's borrowed rucksacks should be there ahead of time to be able to transfer their things from their bags to the rucksack.

In the meantime, if you or your child have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me
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Yours faithfully

Mr D Hatfield

DofE Bronze Award Manager