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"School in the Community Award"

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Dear Students, Parents & Carers,

DofE Training Walk Saturday 20th April 2024

We are running a two-hour training walk for year 9 Bronze Award students on Saturday 20th April at the following times: -

- **Expedition A** students & teams (Team A1, A2, A3, etc) will **meet at 9am and finish at 11am.**
- **Expedition B** students & teams will **meet at 11am and finish at 1pm.**

Expedition teams were emailed to students & parents/carers last week. We will be training for our summer expedition with a walk in the countryside near school and attendance is very important. Please contact me if there is a difficulty attending.

Students will be walking in groups and each group will be accompanied by one of the school's DofE staff. We will be developing our skills in map work, route-planning and safety as well as understanding the Countryside Code and learning about clothing and equipment for walking in the countryside. The overall emphasis will be on teamwork.

Staff and students will meet at the meeting place shown for their team below. We will not be meeting at school: -

- Bromley Cross Railway Station Car Park – Teams A1, A2, B1 & B2.
- Dunscar (layby/turning circle on Blackburn Road opposite and just before the Dunscar Industrial Estate on the right) – Teams A3, A4, B3 & B4.
- Smithills Farm Carpark – Teams A5, A6, A7, A8, B5, B6 & B7.

All training walks will start and finish at your team's meeting place. If you are dropping off and picking up by car then lift sharing would reduce traffic. In particular, the Dunscar layby is suitable for off road dropping off and picking up, but not for extended waiting. If you arrive early, could you park up in a nearby side street rather than on the layby itself?

Students will need the following: -

- Waterproof coat with hood. Also, waterproof trousers if they have them yet.
- Small backpack. Many students will be able to use their school bag/backpack.
- Spare warm jumper or fleece, hat and gloves. The weather in April can be wintry.
- Track suit trousers or leggings. Not jeans.
- Walking boots if possible. These are better for water-proofing. Trainers will be acceptable for this two hour walk if necessary. Expect them to get wet and muddy.
- Water bottle with water. Some snacks. Asthma inhalers and any medication.

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For this training walk, students will be accompanied by school staff at all times. School will provide maps and compasses. Students do not need to bring money.

To confirm your son or daughter's attendance on the Bronze Training Walk, please complete the tear off slip below. If you have any questions, then please email me at i.davies@sharplesschool.co.uk.

Yours faithfully,

Ivor Davies

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DofE Co-ordinator



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Reply Slip

STUDENT NAME: - _____ FORM: - _____

I would like my son/daughter to attend the training walk on Saturday 20th April 2024.

My team's meeting place is: - [please circle the meeting place for your team]

- Bromley Cross Railway Station Car Park – Teams A1, A2, B1 & B2.
- Duns car (layby/turning circle on Blackburn Road opposite and just before the Duns car Industrial Estate on the right) – Teams A3, A4, B3 & B4.
- Smithills Farm Carpark – Teams A5, A6, A7, A8, B5, B6 & B7.

Details of any medical conditions, medication carried or dietary needs are given below: -

Medical conditions, medication carried or dietary needs: - (continue on the back if necessary)

If the student has an asthma inhaler, then this must be brought with them.

PARENT NAME: - _____

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBER: - _____

PARENT/CARER SIGNATURE: - _____

DATE: - _____

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