

Ref: LD/JP/KB/Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award

2nd March 2021



Dear Parent/Carer

Barr Beacon School
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Gold Duke of Edinburgh – Practice Expedition Thursday 15th April – Saturday 17th April 2021

I write to give you more details on your child's Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award practice expedition on Thursday 15th April, Friday 16th April and Saturday 17th April 2021. Barr Beacon is still planning to go ahead with the practice expedition, providing the government and Duke of Edinburgh Award guidelines allow them to take place.

Currently the government is not allowing overnight school residential stays, therefore, pupils will return home each evening to sleep.

Pupils will arrive at 8am on Thursday 15th April in the Sports Hall Car Park where they will be guided to the Sports Hall to undergo a Lateral Flow Covid Test. We will have the results of the test within 30 minutes. Pupils must wear a mask when they are on school site and when on the minibus. Pupils also need to bring hand sanitiser that they can carry with them while they walk. Pupils must have their breakfast each day before they arrive to school but will bring their lunch and evening meal in their bags to prepare/ cook during the expedition. Each day's activities will finish at roughly 6pm where pupils can be picked up or make their way home. They should be back at school at 8am the next morning ready for the next day's walking. A summary of the times can be seen in the table below:

Thursday 15 th April	Friday 16 th April	Saturday 17 th April
Arrive at 8am – Sports Hall Car Park	Arrive at 8am- Top Gates	Arrive at 8am – Top Gates
8am - Lateral Flow Test in Sports Hall		
8:45am Leave for Clent Hills	8:10am Leave on minibus for Long Mynd	8:10am Leave on minibus for Lickey Hills
Lunch prepared/ cooked during walk	Lunch prepared/ cooked during walk	Lunch prepared/ cooked during walk
Evening meal cooked when back at school	Evening meal cooked when back at school	Evening meal cooked when back at school
Leave school site for home at 6pm	Leave school site for home at 6pm	Leave school site for home at 6pm

Pupils should pack their bags as though they are doing a full 4-day expedition so that they get used to walking with full kit. Further information will be shared with pupils during our remaining meetings.

The final £50.00 instalment deadline is Thursday 1st April. Please check your Wisepay account to ensure that the full £190.00 has been paid by Thursday 1st April 2021.

If your child is in Year 13 they must ensure that they have completed their voluntary, physical and skill sections on their eDofE account. Each section must also have been approved by Miss Hanson before they take part in the practice expedition.

Year 12 pupils also need to ensure they have submitted their proposal for their Voluntary, Physical and Skill sections on eDofE and this has been approved by Miss Hanson before they take part in the practice expedition in April 2021.



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If pupils have questions about their award please ask them to email Miss Hanson. Alternatively you can contact the school on 0121 366 6600 and ask to speak to Mr Phillips (Deputy Headteacher) or email postbox@barrbeaconschool.co.uk.

Please sign the permission slip below and return to Miss Hanson via email attachment.

Yours sincerely



Ms Draycott
Headteacher



Mr Phillips
Deputy Headteacher

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Pupil Name: _____ Form: _____

I give permission for my child to attend the practice expedition and understand the information above.

I understand that pupils must arrive by 8am each day and will take a Lateral Flow Test on the first morning.

I also understanding that I need to collect my child at 6pm each evening or give permission for my child to make their own way home.

Signed: _____ Date: _____



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