

14 March 2023

Dear Parent/ Carer

Re: Duke of Edinburgh: Silver Award Expeditions

I am writing to provide you with an overview of the expeditions your child needs to complete this year to complete the expedition element of their Duke of Edinburgh: Silver Award. Your child should already be working towards the three other sections (skill, physical and volunteering) so that by the end of the academic year they will have completed all four requirements, and therefore achieved their Silver Award.

The expeditions will involve the students walking in groups of 4-7 along routes that they have planned and been checked by myself. They will be walking without a member of staff but will be seen multiple times during the day on the walk and staff will be camping at the same sites overnight. During the day students will have to seal their mobile phones as part of the expedition, but each group will have an 'emergency' phone where they can contact staff and students. They are allowed to have their mobile phones in the evenings once they have cooked a meal as a team. A school phone number will be provided nearer the time, as a means for you to contact us/your child during the day, should you need to get in touch.

Your child will need to complete a practice and qualifying expedition. As mentioned in a previous letter they will need to be dropped off and collected at the start and end locations. These dates have been disseminated to your children since the start of the academic year.

Practice Expedition: 5 - 7 May 2023	
Start time / location:	8.00am - The Blue Ball, 6 Cedar St, Braunston, Oakham LE15 8QS
Finish time / location	4.00pm - Kings Cliffe Ex servicemen's Social Club, 65 Wood Rd, King's Cliffe, Peterborough PE8 6XF
Qualifying Expedition: 19 - 21 May 2023	
Start time / location:	8.00am - Asfordby Parish Council Hall, 24 Main St, Asfordby, Melton Mowbray, LE14 3SA
Finish time / location	4.30pm - Great Ponton village centre, 12 Archers Way, Great Ponton, Grantham NG33 5DS

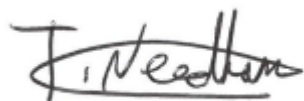
Please ensure a timely drop-off as the students must walk for a minimum amount of time and distance, therefore a delayed start will result in a shorter break at the end of the day. Please use this time to check equipment and fix any issues. A kit list is attached to this letter detailing the equipment your child will need for the expedition; including equipment the academy will provide.

The total cost to cover both expeditions will be £75, which is non-refundable, and will need to be paid online via Vericool. The deadline for this is 28 April. After the Easter holidays a health form will be sent out to be completed.

Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to get in touch via the below email: tneedham@stangroundacademy.org

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Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Needham'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Mr Needham
Duke of Edinburgh Manager
Stanground Academy