



FAIRFIELD HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Students and Parents/Carers

23rd April 2024

D of E Practice Walk Wednesday 1st and Thursday 2nd May

There will be a practice walk on **Wednesday 1st and Thursday 2nd May**. This walk will be in the local area and offer the group the opportunity to practise navigation skills, teamwork and first aid scenarios in the field. Students will only take part on 1 of the 2 days as we are splitting the cohort in half because of the large numbers this year. The groups and the specific day they are walking on will be decided this week and will be posted on the Duke of Edinburgh notice board and the Google Classroom. Please check this carefully.

Students need to arrive at school at their usual time in their walking clothes and we will leave site during Lesson 1 and return in time for the school buses.

They will need to bring the following for the walk:

- Day rucksack (with waterproof liner/black bag inside)
- Walking boots (appropriate for hill walking)
- Appropriate clothing: t-shirt, long sleeved top, fleece, shorts/long trousers, walking socks.
- **Waterproofs – coat and trousers (students will not be allowed to take part without these)**
- Sun cream and sun hat/gloves and hat – depending on the weather.
- Personal First Aid kit (including any personal medication that may be required i.e. inhaler)
- A personal packed lunch and snacks to eat throughout the day. Free school meals children will be able to pick a packed lunch up from the canteen on the morning of the walk to take with them.

Practice walks and training days are part of the Duke of Edinburgh award commitment from the students and it is expected that they will be attending the activity. However, because the walk will be offsite, I still need you to complete the consent form at the link below or by using the QR code by **Wednesday 1st May**:

<https://forms.office.com/e/eZEknjx4ZW>

For general award information and detailed kit list for expeditions you can visit www.dofe.org

Can I also take this opportunity to remind you that by now, section activities (Skill, Physical, Volunteering) should be underway and being evidenced in on the eDofE accounts.



Yours faithfully

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D of E Leader



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