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Dear Parents/Carers

**Re: Gold DofE Training Day**

The initial training day for the Gold DofE expeditions is upcoming – Friday 23rd October. The training day will be taking place at Budworth Mere, near Northwich.

We will be transporting students to Budworth Mere on the school minibus. We will be aiming to leave school promptly at 08:45am, and students will return to school at around 3pm.

EastExped have asked us to pass on the following message regarding the day.

*Young people need to arrive wearing clothes and old trainers (or wellies would be ideal) that they may get wet; and have a full set of waterproofs (top and bottoms) to put on before going onto the water. Having a full set of waterproofs is essential due to drips and splashing throughout the session. They also need a full set of clothes to change into, including a warm jumper, and a towel.*

*They will need to bring a packed lunch with them.*

*There are changing rooms (with showers) that can be used.*

*The plan is to go through all skills required to propel the boats forwards, backwards and sideways, how to be safe on the water and some emergency protocols. The end of the session will entail all students potentially getting wet.*

*Be prepared for the weather on the day –It can be windy/chilly on the water, even on a sunny day.*

**The cost of the day is £35, and I have asked for this to be added onto ParentPay. Please can this payment be made by Monday 19th October.**

If students decide that after the training day they do not want to participate in the Gold Award then there will be no issue with withdrawing, enrolment fees can be refunded, and I will hold off making enrolment payment to DofE until students have completed the training day.

Once the training day has been completed, and students have decided they would definitely like to participate, I will ask for the practice and expedition payments to be added onto ParentPay.

If you have any questions, please let me know,

Kind regards

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