

18th June 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

After their successful practice walks, and an amazing practice expedition, the Silver Team will be completing their Qualifying Silver expedition on 5th, 6th, 7th July. The group will spend the next 3 weeks planning their routes, preparing their team goal and meal plans, and revisiting their training in the Thursday after school sessions.

Pupils will need to come to school on Friday 5th July in their expedition clothes with their full kit and food for the three days. We will be departing by car from Hartshill Academy around 9am to their start point in Leicestershire. They will journey to Hollies Farm and pitch camp. We will then be camping on that site overnight.

The next morning, pupils will prepare breakfast and set out on their route from Hollies Farm and return to Hollies farm for their second night camping. On their third day, the team will again follow their planned route to their end point, where they will be picked up by staff and returned to school. This should be no later than 4pm on the Sunday, pupils will make contact with parents when they are ready to be collected.

Hollies Farm is an arable farm situated in North East Leicestershire where we have been given permission to camp for two nights. There are basic facilities available for the team to use, including bathrooms and running water.

Pupils will be under indirect supervision throughout their expedition. This means they will not be with staff at all times but staff will be meeting them at checkpoints throughout the route.

Pupils will require lunch for all 3 days, and something to cook for their evening meal on Friday and Saturday, and breakfast on Saturday and Sunday. Please ensure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather forecast.

The trip will run on **Friday 5th July to Sunday 7th July**. Pupils will meet at Hartshill Academy for 9am on Friday 5th July, and be collected from Hartshill Academy by 4pm on Sunday 7th July.

Yours Sincerely,

E. Wicker

Miss Wicker
D of E Manager