



# Code of Conduct For D of E Expedition

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1. Common sense is your best guide; we don't want reams of rules, if you think about your behaviour you know what is right & wrong.
2. To be courteous & polite is the foundation of all good behaviour, especially when you are an ambassador of your school & The Duke of Edinburgh Scheme.
3. Instructions will be followed without argument or challenge.
4. **Drinking of alcohol is strictly forbidden.**
5. **Smoking**, is strictly forbidden.
6. Sleeping accommodation of the opposite sex is out-of-bounds at night, & may only be visited in social groups during the day.
7. **Petting** (when two people kiss, hold and touch each other in a sexual way, but do not have sex). & any other sexual activity, is not permitted.
8. Drugs, other than those prescribed by your doctor (must inform staff) are not to be carried or taken.
9. Route plans are to be **strictly followed**, especially designated check points.
  - This may well mean back tracking to reach a check point.
  - Short cuts, mean you are on an area of land your supervisor & emergency services will not be searching if you miss check points, exit times.
10. Contact with the supervising member of staff is essential.
  - Do not leave the expedition without their permission.
  - If you are falling late or unable to meet a prearranged checkpoint, ensure you make every effort to inform them. Use: Mobiles, Pay phones, text messages, relay messages through school, are some of the means available to you.
  - Evacuation from the expedition, on completion or for other reasons, must be done in consultation with the support staff.
11. Ensure you understand the D of E rules & guidance regarding expeditions.
12. The 'Country Code' is there to protect the environment & ensure all those in the countryside enjoy this resource. It is to be followed & adhered to.

If, in the opinion of the campsite/youth hostel manager, members of staff or any person in authority, your son/daughter behaves in such a way as to cause danger, distress or annoyance to others or damage property, their expedition arrangements may be terminated. In this situation the school will have no liability to you and will not be responsible for making any refunds, paying compensation or meeting any costs or expenses incurred as a result. Further, you must meet any expenses incurred as a result of their behaviour.

**Unaccompanied Walking Expeditions carry some risk. You should only undertake this activity if you & your guardians are personally prepared to accept these risks & recognise that you will be exposed to potentially life-threatening situations.**

### Pupil

I have read the above code of conduct, discussed any areas I'm not sure of with the organising staff, & agree to abide by them.

Print Name: ..... Sign: ..... Date: .....

### Parent / Guardian

I have read the above code of conduct & discussed it with my son / daughter.

Print Name: ..... Sign: ..... Date: .....