

24th September 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

Ten Tors - first weekend Expedition 5th and 6th October 2019

We are planning to take the 12 students who have so far opted to become Challengers for the Ten Tors Challenge 2020 on their first experience of walking and camping on Dartmoor. This letter confirms the details and explains a little more about the process. I am planning an information evening on the 24th October, once I have attended the Army's briefing at Okehampton in October; more details will be provided then.

Timings

Saturday 5th October

0730 Depart The Blue School (Kennion)

0930 Walk from Okehampton Camp (accompanied/shadowed/tracked)

1830 Camp at Plume of Feathers (Princetown)

Sunday 6th October

0700 Walk from P of F (shadowed/tracked)

1500 Arrive at minibus and depart

1800 Return to The Blue School (Kennion)

The students should be dressed to walk and carry the necessary equipment to be self-sufficient until Sunday evening. School will provide tents, stoves and fuel, maps, compasses and safety equipment but students should provide everything else including food for all day Saturday and Sunday. Students have already been given a kit list.

We will be walking over Dartmoor throughout the weekend and camping on the moor (on a basic campsite) on Saturday night. We will return to school by 1800 on Sunday evening but may stop at Taunton Services on the way home so a little money might be appropriate.

The intention of the weekend is to give the students an experience of walking, camping and navigating on Dartmoor. The students will be accompanied throughout the weekend and we will all camp at the same location. There **may** be an opportunity for the students to walk for part of the weekend in groups without direct supervision, but they will be "shadowed" and subject to GPS tracking at these times. Whether we allow this to take place will be determined by the group's competence and weather conditions on the day.

As we are camping on the moor and as the students are providing their own food, the costs of this weekend will be kept to a minimum, but I will have to ask for a payment from each student of £30.00 to cover the transport and campsite for the weekend.

If you would like your child to take part in this expedition our preferred method of payment, using a credit/debit card over the Internet, is via SCOPAY (Tucasi Online Payments). Please contact the Finance Office if you have not managed to create your SCOPAY account. Alternatively, please return payment (cheques made payable to The Blue School with your child's name, tutor group and trip/event on the reverse) to the Finance Office at break only, 11.10-11.30am, by **Friday 27th September**. The medical form previously provided will cover all future events this year but please inform me if there are any changes.

Yours Sincerely



P Newbery
Ten Tors Team Manager