



## Duke of Edinburgh Award Expedition Code of Conduct

Students and parents will be required to indicate their acceptance of the conditions below by signing a copy of this code. Refusal to sign will result in the offer of a place on our expeditions being withdrawn. Failure to adhere to any part of this code of conduct will result in removal from the expedition.

1. Students are expected to always conduct themselves in a considerate and courteous manner and to behave responsibly. School rules regarding behaviour and conduct apply as you are representing both the school and Duke of Edinburgh Award.
2. Staff will be respected at all times. **Any disrespect shown by students or parents to Saddleworth School staff Leaders or Karos Adventure Leaders will result in your place on the expedition being withdrawn without refund.**
3. During in-school training days students will confine themselves to those areas designated by supervising staff.
4. Students must carry out all instructions given to them by all staff, in particular relating to their own health and safety and that of other team members.
5. Tents and campsite facilities should be kept tidy and due respect paid to the owners and residents/visitors to the campsites. **Individuals will be charged for any damage caused due to misuse or inappropriate behaviour.** Accidents should be reported at the earliest opportunity.
6. Male and female students will not be allowed to share a tent under any circumstances.
7. Students will respect the privacy of others by not entering tents that they are not occupants of at any time.
8. Male and female students are not to enter the opposite sex tents or campsite facilities in any circumstances.
9. Students should be in their tents and quiet between 10pm and 6am (campsite quiet hours unless otherwise directed by Saddleworth Staff Leaders).
10. **No electrical items** are to be taken on DofE except for cameras and watches. Anyone found with any electrical items will have them confiscated and may be deferred. Saddleworth School staff or Karos Adventure Leaders will not be responsible for damage to confiscated items.
11. Students will use **mobile phones** only to contact supervising staff (call or text) for safety or emergency purposes (for example, for calling 999). Students will hand their mobile phones to a Saddleworth School Staff Leader for safe keeping whilst on the campsite (phones will returned to students before they set off in the morning).
12. **Contacting / texting parents or others is not permitted**, including the use of social media. Allocated phones (those not expected to be used by supervising staff for contact), should be switched off to save battery. Students will have phones confiscated until they are collected by a parent at the end of the expedition and may be deferred if they are found to have breached these rules regarding mobile phone use. Parents can be contacted to arrange pick up details towards the end of the expedition if directed by a Saddleworth School staff leader.
13. Students will familiarise themselves with the agreed emergency procedures and implement these when necessary.
14. Students may not purchase or consume alcohol, energy drinks, tobacco or vapes. Any attempt to smuggle such items into rucksacks will result in the student being deferred and collected by parents.
15. Students must not wear inappropriate clothing during the expedition irrelevant of weather conditions (no jeans, strappy tops, revealing shorts or cropped tops).

### Parent Acceptance

I have read and understood the expectations of the Code of Conduct. I have reinforced the importance of abiding by the Code with my son/daughter and agree to support its implementation fully.

PRINT NAME: ..... Signed: .....

Date: ..... Relationship to Student: .....

### Student Acceptance

I have read and understood the expectations of the Code of Conduct and agree to abide by them.

PRINT NAME: ..... Signed: .....

Date: .....