

3rd January 2018

Dear Parent,

EXMOOR CHALLENGE TRAINING – 2018

Your son/daughter has expressed an interest in taking part in this year's Exmoor Challenge on **Saturday 5th May 2018**. The Challenge is organised by the Exmoor Rotary Club and starts from Dulverton Middle School following a 16 mile course over Exmoor, walking over varied terrain including open moorland. The route is not marked and the teams will have to follow written instructions and use basic map reading skills. Check-points are clearly marked along the way and the teams have to complete each section within a set time.

Students wishing to be considered for selection need to pay £20, which covers the cost of training, the hire of minibuses, coach hire for both practice walks, providing safety vehicles and replacing perishable items such as first aid kits, maps, compasses and survival bags. **Please be aware that the number of students who express an interest in taking part in the Challenge will be far greater than the number the school is allowed to enter. There will therefore be a large number of good walkers who do not gain a place in the event.** *There will not be a refund for students who are not selected for the final event as the majority of costs are incurred in the training, but all students who complete the training will receive an Exmoor Challenge badge.*

We have planned a number of sessions to help students prepare for the Challenge. Further details about each will be issued nearer to the time. They are as follows:

1. **Tuesday 6th February** – Theory session in school from 3:45pm to 5:00pm (no further information to follow, pupils will need to be collected at 5:00pm).
2. **Monday 26th February** – Practice walk along the Culm Valley 1:30 - 6:00pm (a letter with details will be handed out at the theory session). TRANSPORT PROVIDED.
3. **Saturday 10th March** – Lynnton/Lynmouth Practice Walk (a letter with details will be handed out at the theory session). TRANSPORT PROVIDED.
4. **Saturday 5th May** – Exmoor Challenge Event – NO TRANSPORT PROVIDED.

Students will be asked to organise themselves into pairs and we will select and combine pairs to make teams of four. The teams chosen to represent the school will be decided on the following basis:

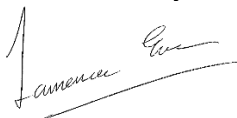
1. Attendance at theory and practice walks.
2. Organisation, cooperation and ability to work safely as a team.
3. Successful navigation and completion of the practice walks within the required times.

Your son/daughter will require suitable waterproofs (including over-trousers) and footwear (sturdy shoes/trainers are adequate). Please do not purchase any specialist equipment for the event (eg walking boots) as this is NOT required.

If you would like your son/daughter to take part in the Exmoor Challenge training, please pay the £20 on ParentPay or to the finance office using the slip below, by **Friday 2nd February**.

If as a parent, you are keen to volunteer as an adult helper on the practice walks or you require any other information please contact me at evel@uffculmeschool.net

Yours sincerely,



Laurence Eve



EXMOOR CHALLENGE 2018 – PAYMENT FORM

Our preferred method of payment is **ParentPay**. Please logon to www.parentpay.com using your username and password to make your payment and give consent. Alternatively please detach this slip and return it to the Finance Office with payment. Please make out a separate cheque for each trip/item, cheques should be made payable to Uffculme School. **Please make your payment of £20 by Friday 2nd February**.

I am happy for (Pupil's Name)..... (Tutor Group)
to take part in the above trip. I am happy with the information provided for me by the school. I am not aware of any medical reasons why my child should not take part in the activity.

Amount Enclosed: Cash £..... Cheque: £..... Number.....

Signature of Parent/Guardian