

19 October 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you for showing your initial interest in the Ten Tors. We have now managed to secure team places and as such are able to pass on more information to you to enable you to make a decision to hopefully commit to a place on the training.

There are 2 distances that we offer students at Uffculme school: 35 miles for Year 10 students and 45 miles for Year 11 students.

The training takes place thanks to a large group of external, highly experienced, volunteers, alongside school staff.

This season the dates set aside are:

- Walk 1: 16<sup>th</sup> January 2021
- Camp 1: 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> January 2021
- Contingency: 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> February 2021
- Camp 2: 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> March 2021
- Contingency: 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> March 2021
- Camp 3: 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> March 2021
- Camp 4: 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> April 2021– walking in teams which will be selected for the event.
- Event 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> May (including the 7<sup>th</sup> which is a Friday for kit preparation & route planning)

**Before signing up it is important that you are able to commit to these dates. Selection into one of the team places will, in part, be due to the training commitment of your child. You should also be flexible in your availability, as due to the current climate, we may have to alter our weekends.**

There will also be a number of lunchtime sessions that your child will have to commit to as well as a couple of after school sessions. All of these count towards team selection.

Alongside the aforementioned criteria, team selection will also be decided upon through team skills, attributes, walking abilities and navigational skills seen throughout the training.

Please bear in mind that we have a large number of students training and a limited number of team places. The most important part of this is the training and the skills and attributes that your child will accomplish through this alone – the team selection and event participation is a bonus.

**The cost of the training is £175.** You may either pay in instalments (as advised below) or in one lump sum. Please be advised that all payments must be received before the first walk or your child will not be able to take part and refunds of monies already paid will not be given.

<b>Payment schedule</b>	
Payment 1 – to be received no later than 10 <sup>th</sup> November 2020	£75.00
Payment 2 – due by 10 <sup>th</sup> December 2020	£50.00
Payment 3 – due by 10 <sup>th</sup> January 2021	£50.00

Before you make your final commitment please be advised of the following points:

- If the current DfE rulings are still in place and we cannot camp whilst training, then we will be adapting our weekend camps to day walks. This will obviously mean an additional commitment on your part as the second day will be another early morning start for yourselves.
- The Army are also currently considering a comprehensive set of contingency plans as a measure in the hope that they will not have to cancel the event this year. There is a possibility that there might be a single 1 day, demanding, challenge set for each distance instead. **We are planning our training to take this change into effect. We will be informed of this change by early April and we will then be able to inform both the students and yourselves.**
- Please also bear in mind that there is also the chance that training may be disrupted and the Event itself may be cancelled. However, we will do our very best to ensure that we are able to fulfil our training commitments.

#### **Covid Safety Arrangements:**

- Separate coaches for the different year groups. Training staff will keep to the separate year groups as much as possible across all walks.
- **All students and staff MUST wear face masks whilst on the coach – we would appreciate it if students and staff who are medically exempt from wearing a face mask would seriously consider wearing a face visor whilst on the coach.**
- All students and staff to bring hand sanitiser and use it frequently.
- Staff and students to sanitise as they get onto the coach (provided by school).
- Staff on the coach will sit with 2 empty rows between them and students.
- **Staff will keep as near to a 2m distance as possible whilst walking and where not possible face masks will be worn by all.**
- Staff will walk with the same groups across all walks – where possible.
- In the event of first aid treatment being needed the 2m rule will of course be broken. However, face masks will be worn by all, medical gloves will be worn by staff, and students will be asked to hand sanitise.
- **Please note that our staff on this trip are both school staff and external, walking qualified volunteers.**

We hope that your child will take up this opportunity. We are very much looking forward to being back out on the Moors.

If you have any queries, please e-mail us at [a-team@uffculmeschool.net](mailto:a-team@uffculmeschool.net).