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Dear Parent/Carer

Updated Final Arrangements for Dorset Walk 2021

In light of the recent government guidance and pause on the easing of restrictions, we are pleased the Dorset Walk can still go ahead, however, there are now some confirmed mitigating factors to be aware of and adhere to, as outlined below.

We will depart Ely College at 9.00am, leaving from Needhams car park. If students could arrive between 8.30am and 8.40am (to allow the morning buses to arrive and depart), it would be much appreciated. Anyone being dropped off by parents, please drop off in the lay by and students walk onto site. Any students with medical needs will need to show they have the required medication etc. before departure. Students will be sat in their year bubbles on the coach.

All party members (staff and students) must complete a Lateral Flow test on the Wednesday evening (7th July) and report this onto the usual college system. The coach company is unable to transport groups who have not completed a lateral flow before departure.

While on the coach, all parent members must wear a face covering (unless exempt and approved by the Principal). There will be one or two stops on route for the coach company to maintain their COVID mitigation procedures. All party members must sanitise their hands when boarding and leaving the coach. It is advised that students have hand sanitiser with them at all times, as well as spare face coverings.

It is strongly advised that tents do not occupy more than 2 people. If someone has COVID related symptoms, the whole tent will have to self-isolate. The individuals having to self-isolate would need to be collected/returned home for them to self-isolate and where required, complete a PCR test.

Each day, there will be staggered starts on the walk – meaning a departure from camp site could be at 7.00am. As there are three school groups involved, they will camp in separate areas and in their bubbles. The schools and bubbles will start the walk at staggered times, have meal times and shower times at staggered times.

If you have any questions, then please let me know: spatman@elycollege.co.uk

Yours faithfully

Mr S Patman
Trip Leader



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