

RISK ASSESSMENT

This risk assessment has been written by BXM Expeditions for Duke Of Edinburgh's Award Expeditions, specifically

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The risk ratings can be of a high/Medium or Low and must have more than one preventative measure for Medium or high risk ratings.

Please note that although a Senior decision can authorise and make changes, it is all leaders' and teachers' responsibility to report or act on any risks.

Hazard	Who is at risk?	Existing Control Measures	Risk Rating	Preventative Measures	Responsibilities
Crossing a road	Individuals in the group	Leaders to ensure that individuals are briefed about roads, and that routes are redirected where appropriate	Medium	During remote supervision, the leader will always use this as an opportunity to use as a check point where appropriate	All staff and participants to ensure they are sensible.
Gas stove burning or catching a tent on fire	Individuals in the group	Full training to be given on gas stoves prior to participants using them. First Aid staff and kits available.	Low	Clarity of understanding checks, supervision during training exercises. A visual assessments during training, Training to be given to participants on burns. Use long reach lighters	The group to behave and act properly and carefully, First Aid kits to carried. Leaders to do visual and verbal checks

Drowning	Individuals in the group	Individuals will be directly supervised during training time, All routes are checked and participants will be briefed on the dangers of waters, no water should be approached by an individual alone, There are not any river crossings or dangerous river banks on the route, During remote supervision, routes are checked thoroughly prior to all expeditions.	Low	Areas to be checked by Leaders to be made aware of areas with potential danger. Participants to be instructed on the dangers.	BXM Management and Leaders. Participants to follow instructions in a mature and sensible manner.
Illness or injury	Individuals in the group	Leaders to make sure they check medical forms and ask participants for any illness and injuries. Parents to be called if the participants need to go home.	Medium	Leaders to be vigilant for any changes in the terrain when walking or general surroundings.	BXM Management to pass procedures to Leaders. Leaders to make themselves aware of the procedures. Leaders to be vigilant throughout Participants to take care. Closest hospital highlighted on all briefs.
Getting lost	All	Leaders are experienced in working in remote areas Leaders to work with in their qualified level of competence.	Low	Groups to be directly supervised during the day	BXM Management to pass on route details Leaders to use their skills to navigate appropriately.
High winds	All	The route is along a path. Any road walking should be done with care, and there is	Medium	The paths are good and deemed safe. Participants will not be allowed on top of any ridges if the winds are deemed too severe	BXM to check and assess routes. All adults to express any concerns to senior leaders
Hot Sun leading to heat exposure or sun burn, Hyperthermia	All Participants	The weather has been checked, Training framework has been followed.	Low	The groups clothing will be checked and assessed throughout the day to ensure no one is over dressed for the heat. Sun tan lotion will be carried by the leader. The leader will check all students have a sufficient amount of water and the leader will also carry water.	The Leader to check the group and be responsible for ensuring water is available. Spare water tablets will be taken. Closest hospital highlighted on all briefs

Cold winds, rain or weather leading to Hypothermia	All Participants	The weather will be checked regularly; groups will have appropriate clothing. Training framework has been followed.	Medium	Sufficient layers to be taken by every group member and spares taken by the leader, also a tent for protection from the elements as the fly sheet can be used as an emergency shelter.	The Leader to re-assess the weather situation and especially after midday. Leader to carry extra gear, The Leader to check the groups clothing prior to departure. Closest hospital highlighted on all briefs
A slip or fall on an incline	All Participants	The route goes along paths. Some area may need direct supervision	Medium	I first Aid kit will be carried, participants will stick to paths, training will be given on descents. Training framework has been followed.	The Leader to be vigilant and assess routes constantly.
Injury on Campsite Also Including anxiety attacks, or getting lost in the grounds.	All Participants	The Campsites are checked regularly by BXM staff. BXM are aware of facilities, shelters, space and campsite staffing. Groups who will be 'wild camping' (Gold only) will be given specific training around wild camping skills.	Low	BXM staff either stay with students, nearby or make them aware of how to get to them. This depends on the level and procedures of the expedition. Bronze and Silver will always have staff on the campsite.	BXM Staff and responsible behaviour by students. Closest hospital highlighted on all briefs
Bites and stings	All Participants	Participants will be trained how to deal with Bites and Stings, including Tics. Instructors will have spray or cream and medical forms to ensure that this can be applied.	Low	Instructors to be vigilant and speak with participants daily to see if they are aware of any bites.	Closest hospital highlighted on all briefs

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Member of staff shows coronavirus symptoms or has coronavirus	ALL	If a leader begins to show symptoms of coronavirus during the expedition. They will be isolated and return home along with the two groups they are supervising.	Medium	Leaders are not to attend the expedition if they have shown symptoms of coronavirus less than 14 days before the expedition start date	BXM Management to pass procedures and Risk Assessments to Leaders. Leaders to make themselves aware of the procedures.
Participant shows coronavirus symptoms or has coronavirus	ALL	If a participant begins to show symptoms of the coronavirus during the expedition they will be isolated sensitively, to ensure their mental health is protected, where their condition is monitored until their parents are able to collect them. The rest of their "Expedition bubble" will also return home to self-isolate.	Medium	Participants are not to attend the expedition if they have shown symptoms of coronavirus less than 14 days before the expedition start date	BXM Management to pass procedures and Risk Assessments to Leaders /school staff. Leaders and school staff to make participants aware of procedures.
Contaminated kit	ALL	BXM will provide black bags for tents to place into for transportation between campsites during expeditions. This will ensure that only the tent itself will be touched by the intended user. The black bag will act as a screen for the instructor to handle. No other individual is to touch the bag.	Medium	All kit returned back to the warehouse after an expedition is to be Isolated for 72 hours before being checked ready for the next expedition where it shall then be isolated prior to returning to expedition service.	Leaders and BXM Management
Interpersonal contact	ALL	<p>"Expedition Bubbles" are to be formed. An expedition bubble will consist of 2 groups which will be a maximum of 12 students although in some circumstances this could be increased to 12.</p> <p>Participants will be in walking groups of 5 Each person will need to be at least 1m apart. During the time at the campsite students are to camp within their expedition</p>	Medium	<p>All Participants and leaders are to social distance at all times. (at least 1M)</p> <p>Face coverings are compulsory to wear at times when interacting at a social distance of 1m+ outside of "Expedition Bubbles" this will only apply to instructors and when using shared campsite facilities. Or when administering First Aid when social distancing is not possible.</p>	<p>All staff and participants to ensure they are sensible.</p> <p>Leaders and students to make sure walking groups do not mix.</p>

		bubble and not mix with other bubbles on the expedition.			
Inability to social distance while camping	Participants	<p>BXM tents allow for a social distance of 1m+ when occupied by 2 persons.</p> <p>Where agreed prior participants will be able to have one tent per person.</p>	Low	<p>All participants will be reminded of social distancing measures. Where participants show lack of respect for these guidelines they will be asked to be collected by their parents to protect the safety of others.</p>	<p>All staff and participants to ensure they are sensible.</p> <p>BXM staff to monitor the behaviour of participants throughout.</p> <p>BXM management to ensure agreements are in place with participating schools prior to activities commencing.</p>
Limited hand washing stations while walking / camping	All.	All parties are to bring their own hand sanitiser with them to the expedition. This will allow regular hand cleansing and prevent cross contamination between personal items.	Medium	Instructors are to monitor hand cleansing regularly. Instructors are to check participants have an appropriate level of hand sanitiser for the duration of the expedition prior to starting.	<p>All staff and participants to ensure they are prepared.</p> <p>BXM staff to monitor hand cleansing throughout.</p>