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Dear Parents/Carers

**2020 Duke of Edinburgh - Certificate of Achievement Award 2020**

All Duke of Edinburgh Award expeditions nationally are unable to take place this year due to the current government restrictions imposed as a result of the COVID-19 outbreak.

In response to this, the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme are launching a new 2020 DofE Certificate of Achievement Award. This accolade will allow all pupils who have completed their physical, volunteering and skills section to gain formal recognition for their amazing efforts even though it is not possible to complete the expedition this year.

The Certificate of Achievement Award will not replace the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze, Silver or Gold Award which pupils will still be able to achieve when the expeditions are permitted.

For more information about the certificate, please visit the following link:

<https://www.dofe.org/dofewithadifference/achievement-for-all>

Barr Beacon School will update parents/carer on how and when pupils will complete the expeditions that they have missed, but until then we highly recommend that pupils do all they can to complete the other three sections. We would also like to remind parents/carers that there is now flexibility over how pupils can change their approved programmes for different sections, with a special mention regarding the volunteering which can now be assessed by family members. Further advice and guidance on these temporary changes can be found at the following link:

<https://www.dofe.org/dofewithadifference/programme-changes>

If your child completes their volunteering, physical and skills sections with assessors' reports before 19<sup>th</sup> June 2020 and uploads all documents onto eDofE then they will receive their Certificate of Achievement Award in September 2020. Any completed after this date will still receive the certificate, but at a later date.

Please can we make clear that we do not want pupils to break any current government guidance regarding social distancing in order to obtain the assessors' reports. If a pupil is unable to attain an assessor's report at the moment then they should wait until it is safe to do so and still achieve the certificate.

If you have any queries then please email [postbox@barrbeaconschool.co.uk](mailto:postbox@barrbeaconschool.co.uk).

Yours sincerely

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