



Our Ref: LD/JP/cc/Gold DofE

30th November 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

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Duke of Edinburgh – Gold Award

The Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award expeditions were postponed last academic year due to the pandemic. Thank you for your support by encouraging your child to continue with their skills, physical and volunteer sections of the award and updating their online portal on eDofE.

We are planning how, as a school, we can safely allow pupils to continue with their award and complete their expeditions. Please be reassured that the safety of pupils is paramount to our plans and we are following all the Duke of Edinburgh Award's guidelines for school groups very closely.

We plan to take the Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award group on their practice expedition on Thursday 15th April 2021 – Saturday 17th April 2021. Please note that this falls in the Easter Holidays. Unfortunately, at the moment the government are not allowing for overnight school residentials, and although this could change by April 2021, we are going to plan that this restriction might still be in place. Therefore, pupils will return home each evening to sleep. More specific details will be shared with pupils nearer the time.

We wanted to outline the precautions that have been put in place to ensure that the expedition can be completed safely:

- All pupils are in the same school bubble.
- Pupils will be asked to bring their own hand sanitiser for the weekend and encouraged to use this regularly.
- Hand sanitiser will also be provided by staff throughout the weekend.
- Pupils must sanitise their hands before and after using the minibus and shared equipment.
- During the field expedition pupils will be encouraged to walk 2m apart. Pupils will spend the majority of their days outside where the risk of infection is largely reduced.

We hope that the above precautions have given you reassurance that the practice expedition can go ahead safely.

We would also like to give you prior notice that the assessed expedition is planned for the 21st July 2021 – 25th July 2021. Please note this is during the summer holidays so this will not impede on your child's studies.



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Please sign the reply slip below to give consent for your child to take part in the Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award practice expedition on Thursday 15th – Saturday 17th April 2021 and ask your child to return it to the school reception by Friday 11th December 2020.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Phillips (Deputy Headteacher).

Yours sincerely

Ms L Draycott
Headteacher

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Pupil Name: _____

Form: _____

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Signed: _____

Date: _____



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