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Our Ref: LD/JP/cc/Silver DofE Award/Year 11

29th January 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

Duke of Edinburgh Award

I write to update you on your child's Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award. As you are aware, last year all expeditions were cancelled by the Duke of Edinburgh Award as the government coronavirus restrictions meant they could not take place. We are planning for the expeditions to take place on the below dates, so your child has the opportunity to complete their award:

Practice Expeditions

- Friday 2nd July 2021 – Saturday 3rd July 2021 - Clent Hills

Assessed Expeditions

- Friday 16th July 2021 – Sunday 18th July 2021 - Long Mynd

We are intending to camp overnight on both expeditions, providing the government and Duke of Edinburgh Award guidelines permit this. If the guidelines do not allow overnight stays but do let schools continue with all other aspects of the expedition, then we will continue with the weekend without the camping element. The areas we visit are subject to change depending on any restrictions in place at the time of the expeditions.

The kit and food requirements needed for the expeditions can be found on the below link:

<https://www.dofe.org/shopping/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/Expedition-Kit-Guide-October-2020.pdf>.

Please remember that the school will provide cooking equipment and tents for pupils to use.

Next week, pupils will receive an email from Sergeant Bew inviting them to join a Microsoft Team's meeting in March 2021. The meeting will provide pupils with information on route planning, volunteering, physical and skills sections, as well as advice for developing their fitness before the expeditions.

All pupils must ensure that they have completed their voluntary, physical and skill sections of their eDofE account. Each section must also have been approved before June 2021. If your child has not completed these sections, then they will not be able to go on the expeditions. It is pivotal that pupils follow the DofE guidelines on their chosen activities and when each section is finished, they upload an assessor's report completed correctly and not by a family member. For more information, please visit this link: <https://www.dofe.org/assessor/>.



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The deadline for the remaining balance of £40 is **Monday 1st March 2021**. The total cost of the award is £80, as stated in the sign-up letter in September 2019. If your child is in receipt of free school meals, they are not required to pay this.

If the expeditions are unable to take place, we can refund all money paid apart from the Silver starter pack cost of £22. Please note that even if expeditions were cancelled and you are refunded, as we have given your child a starter pack they will still be fully registered as a Duke of Edinburgh Award participant and have complete access to their eDofE account.

If pupils have questions about their award, please ask them to email Sergeant Bew. Alternatively, you can contact the school on 0121 366 6600 and ask to speak to Mr Phillips (Deputy Headteacher) or email postbox@barrbeaconschool.co.uk.

Yours sincerely

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