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Our Ref: LD/JP/cc/DofE Gold award

6th December 2021

Dear Parent /Carer

Duke of Edinburgh – Gold Award

I am delighted to offer your child the opportunity to complete the prestigious Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award.

This is a real commitment and pupils will be expected to attend any relevant training sessions beforehand and complete the different sections of the award, which includes a 5-day volunteer residential.

If successfully completed, the pupils will receive their award in London with other Gold Award participants from around the country.

More information on the Gold Award can be found at the following website and it is vital all pupils are fully aware of what they are signing up for: <https://www.dofe.org/do/timescales/>

Participants in the National Citizens Service can use this to complete their residential aspect of the Gold award. Details on the following website: <https://www.dofe.org/opportunity-finder/article/did-you-know-you-can-do-your-gold-residential-with-ncs-this-summer/>

The 2022 Gold Award Expedition dates are as follows:

<u>Practice Expedition</u>	<u>Assessed Expedition:</u>
<u>Dates: Thursday 21st April 2022 – Saturday 23rd April 2022</u> <u>(please note this is during the Easter holidays)</u> <u>Location: Dark Peaks</u>	<u>Dates: Wednesday 13th July 2022 – Monday 18th July</u> <u>Location: Dartmoor National Park, Devon</u>

NB. Pupils are required to attend both the practice and assessed expedition dates.

Pupils who have not completed their Bronze and/or Silver Award can still sign up and complete the Gold Award. However, these pupils will need to take part in additional training. There will be no extra cost to the additional training for these pupils.

The total cost to complete the Gold Award is £220 which covers the cost of the registration fee, campsite costs, a training weekend, travel and a Gold Expedition Assessor and qualified staff who support both practice and the actual expedition. Some specialist equipment is needed for the expedition (walking boots, sleeping bag etc.) which pupils will be informed about in their training but school are able to provide this for pupils if it is needed.

If you wish for your child to take part in the Gold Award, please make payment of a **non-refundable** deposit of £90 via your Wisepay account. The remaining £130 will be paid over two £65 instalments.





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If your child is in receipt of a bursary they will not need to make any payment but this is on the condition that they complete the award.

Please complete the reply slip below and return this, along with your Wisepay receipt, to Reception by Wednesday 5th January 2022.

If you have any queries, please contact Mr Phillips (Deputy Headteacher) or Miss Hanson (DofE Gold Award Lead Teacher).

Yours sincerely

Ms L Draycott
Headteacher

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Pupil Name: _____

Form: _____

I give permission for my child to complete the Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award.

- I have made payment of the non-refundable deposit of £90 via my Wisepay account
- My child is in receipt of a bursary
- I have made note of the expedition dates and give permission for my child to attend.

Signed: _____

Date: _____



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