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29th September 2023

Our ref: JB/020/KB

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Gold DofE Award

As you are aware your child going to take on the Gold DofE Award and will have to complete five sections:

- Volunteering section: 12 months
- Physical and Skills sections: One section for 12 months and the other section for 6 months
- Expedition section: 4 days/3 nights
- Residential section: Undertake a shared activity in a residential setting away from home for 5 days and 4 nights.

Ideas for all of the sections - <https://www.dofe.org/do/ideas/>

How the school will support

Expedition section

The school is supporting with expedition training and the additional navigation day in the Peak District. They are organising and putting up the additional costs to the company who are providing the expeditions. The school will provide as much kit as we can which is needed for the expeditions.

The school managed to get funding from the DofE of £800 to help support the pupils to achieve their award. The DofE asked the school to spend the money and split it, £600 towards expedition and £200 towards equipment. This money is great, but it leaves a short fall of £170 per pupil for the expeditions that we are asking you to pay for. As we are now a cashless school, we ask that you pay this amount via your Parent Mail account. Instalments can be made. If you have any difficulties accessing this, please let Mrs Bennington know.

Expedition Practice

2nd / 6th April 2024 Brecon Beacons – Black Mountain Area (Merlins Bunkhouse)

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Expedition Qualifier

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Volunteering section

The school can offer volunteering for an amount of time, which will go towards their award. This could be to help assistant a teacher/TA with a lower school group.

You could instead, for example, do one longer session (e.g., 6 hours) of volunteering per month. Please note that activity cannot be condensed to less than one session per month.

Skill / Physical Section

Same timescales as the volunteering section.

If you have any further questions regarding this, please contact me via your child’s planner or email me. I will try and support your needs. This is a great progression for the pupils and I am happy to be a part of it.

Yours sincerely

Joe Bogumsky

Outdoor Education Coordinator

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