

28<sup>th</sup> May 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

**Re: DofE Bronze Expedition Dates, 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> June 2021**

We are really pleased to inform you that an adapted expedition will take place on the above dates to allow our Bronze participants to fulfil the expedition element of their award.

This expedition will have some changes to the traditional format to take account of COVID restrictions but complies fully with the adapted award criteria from DofE head office. The expedition will consist of two separate day walks (so no camping overnight). Participants will need to be dropped off at their groups designated start point and collected from the end point each day.

Transport must be arranged with parents. All routes are in and around the Newark area. Each group will be given their specific routes, drop off and pick up points and start times in an information meeting to take place on **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> June at Arnold Hill Academy straight after school at 15:05pm** (please note this is for participants only and parents should not attend).

**Overview of the expedition**

**Day 1 (Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> June)**

Participants arrive at their group drop off and meet with their group supervisor and support staff (early start will be 9:00am, late start will be 10:00am).

They follow the planned route stopping at key checkpoints as directed to meet their supervisor. Lunch will be eaten while out so a packed lunch will be needed along with water.

They will reach Walesby Forest Camp Ground (Brake Rd, Walesby, Newark NG22 9NG) to complete the walking element of the expedition. Here they will erect tents, cook and eat a hot meal together that they prepare themselves (to meet the requirements set by DofE).

They will then have a debrief from their supervisor and can then be collected.

**Day 2 (Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> June)**

Participants arrive at Walesby Forest Camp Ground (Brake Rd, Walesby, Newark NG22 9NG) and meet with their group supervisor and support staff (early start will be 9:00am, late start will be 10:00am).

They follow the planned route stopping at key checkpoints as directed to meet their supervisor. Lunch will be eaten while out so a packed lunch will be needed along with water.

They will reach Walesby Forest Camp Ground (Brake Rd, Walesby, Newark NG22 9NG) to complete the walking element of the expedition.

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We have also arranged for the groups to have the afternoon of Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June off timetable to allow for some refresher training and preparation checks. This will be supported by some on-line learning that all participants must also engage with. We expect this training will be completed by 16:00pm.

### Equipment

Many of you have already rented equipment but most of this is now no longer needed. Please return any equipment to the year group bubble base as soon as possible. Once we receive this a refund of any deposits and rentals will be made. No tents or stoves etc will be needed, this will be provided.

For the expedition participants will need a day walking back pack large enough to hold the items below;

- Waterproofs (jacket and trousers)
- Spare warm jumper/fleece
- Spare socks
- Personal first kit
- Torch and whistle
- Packed lunch and snacks for the walk
- A boil in the bag type hot meal to prepare and eat on day 1 (e.g. Wayfarer) and cutlery to eat it with.
- Water bottle(s) to carry at least 1ltr (water will be available during the walk if top ups are needed)
- Sunscreen

Please ensure any allergies and medical needs are included in the consent details, and medication, as needed, is either taken before the activity or is carried on the day for self-medication. Supervisors cannot be responsible for carrying or administering medication.

### Bronze into new Silver Award

Some participants from this Bronze cohort have already started their Silver award. This walk will be used as their practice walk for Silver and as a result will be recorded differently when assessment takes place. If you would like to move to the Silver award it is really important that we know prior to the 10<sup>th</sup> June information evening. Please contact me if you would like more information about this. Participants must have completed at least one of the sections at Bronze to be able to do this.

### Finance

We are looking to reimburse a proportion of the costs paid as a result of the changes made. Once we have the final costs for the expedition we will look to make payments via SCOPAY.

If there are questions about the information contained here please feel free to contact me. More information will be given to the participants regarding routes etc in the information meeting on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> June. Can I encourage you to log in to the eDofE site/app and keep the records and any assessor reports up to date.

**Key Dates:**

**Expedition – 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> June 2021**

**Training – 18<sup>th</sup> June (13:00pm – 16:00pm)**

**Participant Info Meeting – 10<sup>th</sup> June (15:05pm)**

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Yours faithfully

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