

19<sup>th</sup> March 2020

**RE: Bronze and Silver Duke of Edinburgh's Award - Coronavirus COVID-19**

Dear Parent / Guardian

I am writing to explain how the novel coronavirus COVID-19 will impact on your youngster's Duke of Edinburgh Award Programme.

**Expeditions**

We are waiting to see how the virus progresses; however, at this point in time, we realise it won't be possible to run our first expedition of the year (Bronze Group A Practice) which was due to take place on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> April. We are looking at possible dates to reschedule this at the end of May / June.

It is also likely that Bronze Group B Practice expedition will need to be rescheduled, which was due to take place on the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> May.

I will provide an update on these expeditions in due course, once we have a better idea of how the virus is going to progress after Easter.

We are hopeful that the Assessed Expeditions in the summer term will be unaffected; however, we have further contingency plans in place should any of these need to be rescheduled, due to the virus.

**After School Meetings**

The after school meetings have been cancelled until further notice.

**Skill, Volunteering and Physical Activities**

We are advising that your youngster stops any sectional activities which could put themselves or others at greater risk of catching the virus.

If you are happy for your youngster to do so, the Duke of Edinburgh's Award is allowing participants to swap any of their activities to ones which can be completed at home. They will be publishing ideas online at:

<https://www.dofe.org/coronaactivitytips>

This will hopefully provide your youngster with lots of opportunities to be active and creative at home.

Please note: If your youngster has completed one of their sections but cannot get an assessor report filled in, the assessor can complete the report online by visiting [edofe.org/Assessor](https://www.dofe.org/Assessor)

Participant ID numbers are available from their edofe account or their D of E Discount Cards.

Should you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me: [awaterhouse@leesbrook.co.uk](mailto:awaterhouse@leesbrook.co.uk)

Yours Faithfully,

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