



Dear Parent/Carer

## Duke of Edinburgh Award and the Covid-19 Pandemic

As you will be aware the current Covid-19 pandemic is having a serious effect on all school activities, but the D of E Silver Award will be continuing where possible under the current restrictions.

Where possible the participants can be carrying on with their activities for the skill, physical and volunteering sections even if the circumstances have changed a little. For example, someone who was learning a musical instrument should continue to practise their instrument and if possible, contact their tutor for additional music or challenges.

Some activities can be adapted without fully changing them. For example, someone who had football as their physical might not be able to play for the team but could make up the required hours with skills practise such as "keepy-ups" along with supporting fitness activities such as completing online fitness videos.

However, we recognise that some of the activities can't continue during this time such as volunteering in charity shops. In this circumstance, the pupils have two options.

Option 1: Put the activity on hold and continue it when restrictions have been lifted.

Option 2: Change the activity to one that can be completed during restrictions. To do this they will need to log on to their eDofE account and submit an activity change request. This is done by clicking on the section and then the "change activity". See <https://help.edofe.org/hc/en-gb/articles/360024234534-How-do-I-change-my-activity> for further details. Please ensure that any new activity fits in with Government advice and restrictions.

We are not able to offer the expedition section this academic year so all training and assessment events have been cancelled. However, we will make a decision in September about how we will be able to offer this section of the award and I will write to you then to update you. It is worth bearing in mind that the only restriction on completing the award is that it has to be done before the participants are 25 so they all have plenty of time to finish all sections.

In the meantime, a Silver D of E group has been set up on Microsoft Teams and I have put various documents on there including activity logs and ideas for new activities that can take place during the restrictions. This will also provide an opportunity for me to have dialogue with the participants and upload some training activities.

If you have any further questions please contact me ([tru@titussaltschool.co.uk](mailto:tru@titussaltschool.co.uk))

Yours sincerely

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