



To Parents/Carers/Students,

Firstly, we hope you are all keeping well and looking after yourselves and your families during these most bizarre of times. This letter is just an update to this year's Duke of Edinburgh cohort and how the completion of their award may look at the current time.

The Duke of Edinburgh organisation has published some help guides and FAQ's from Parents/Carers and Participants. This can be found on the following webpage:

[www.dofe.org/dofewithadifference](http://www.dofe.org/dofewithadifference)

On this webpage, there is guidance on how to alter/change your programme and ideas that you could be doing instead, in order to keep working towards your award. The main points from the guidance are:

1. Firstly, don't panic about getting your award completed. You have until you are 25 to complete it.
2. You can alter/change your programme from home on your eDofE account. You just need to put in a change of activity request that will be sent to either Mr Briggs (for Bronze participants) or Mrs Gibb (Silver and Gold). The hours that you have already completed will still count and you will complete the remainder on your new activity.
3. Please **do not** do any expedition planning at this time. We will be reviewing the next steps for the expeditions depending on the guidance we receive but they will not take place for any level in this academic year.

Whatever you decide to do with your Duke of Edinburgh award at this time, please make sure you are following the government guidance on social distancing, keeping yourself and your family safe. By completing your different sections where you can, this will mean that when the expeditions can take place, your programme will be completed shortly after.

If you are confused with any elements of changing your programme or stuck for ideas, consult the website above first. If you need help and guidance on how to do this, you can contact Mr Briggs or Mrs Gibb through the eDofE site or via the school email.

Thank you for your understanding at this time and if you have any questions regarding the Duke of Edinburgh scheme, please contact us and we will answer as best as possible.

Yours sincerely,

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