



April 2018

Dear Parents

THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD - BRONZE

By now, your child should be well underway on their chosen Physical, Skill and Volunteering activities. They should be spending at least one hour every week on each activity, collecting evidence along the way. They should have already received a Welcome Pack containing their login details for the eDofE system where they can upload their evidence.

Training Morning

Earlier this term I held an assembly detailing the process for the Expedition section. Before being entrusted to walk without supervision, everyone must undergo a programme of basic training. The next stage in this process is a **training morning at school on Saturday 28th April. It begins at 10 am and runs until 1 pm.** It is important that all students intending to do their expedition this year attend training as they will learn campcraft, cooking and first aid.

Students should bring their packed rucksacks into school on the training morning so that we can check they have the right equipment and issue any items that they may need to borrow. Students will need full expedition clothing and equipment as set out in the DofE kit guide.

Practice Expedition

The practice expedition will be during the weekend of 12th-13th May. We will be meeting in Threlkeld Village Hall and Coffee Shop car park at 9:15 am. The postcode is CA12 4RY. The car park is quite small so please share lifts if you can. The aim is to finish in Caldbeck for 3 pm on Sunday. Students can be collected from the main car park that we used for the practice walk. Students should make their own arrangements to be dropped off and picked up at these times. If this is going to be a problem, please let us know and we will try to arrange alternative transport.

The emergency contact phone number for the weekend will be 07582 681 566.

Students will walk all day and camp overnight at Scarness campsite on the shores of Bassenthwaite Lake. This site is owned by Cumbria Outdoors and we will have sole use. There are toilets, showers and common room facilities on the site.

For the expedition they are required to be self-sufficient, so they need to bring enough food for two full days and enough water for one day. There is a drinking water tap at the campsite to replenish for the second day. They must also cook a substantial hot meal in the evening. Suggestions can be found at <http://www.kirkleesdofe.org/downloads/Expedition%20Foods.pdf>

The cost of the expedition will be £10 which covers the campsite fees. **If you are happy for your child to participate in this trip please complete the form below and return it to the Admin Office (opposite D2) by 4th May, along with payment (cheques payable to Caldew School).**

Assessed Expedition

The participants have grouped themselves in preparation for the expeditions. For the assessed expedition, each group must first choose a weekend. They can choose either the weekend of 9th-10th June or the weekend of 7th-8th July. Then they must plan a route and itinerary for the two days. They will have some time during the training morning to finalise their paperwork. You will receive more information, in the near future, about the assessed expedition.

I realise that this is a lot of information, so if you have any questions please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours Sincerely,

Mr P. Sharpe and Mr P. Thomas

DofE Practice Expedition – 12th and 13th May 2018

Please hand into the Admin Office (opposite D2) at break time with payment by 4th May

Name of Child _____ Form _____

I give permission for my child to participate in this trip and will arrange to drop off and pick up my child as detailed in the letter. I enclose £10 to cover the cost of the campsite.

Contact name and number for the days of the trip:

Please make a note of any change in medical conditions on the back of this slip.