



April 2018

Dear Parents

THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD - SILVER

By now, your child should have completed at least one of their chosen Physical, Skill and Volunteering activities. Their evidence and assessors reports should be uploaded to eDofE ready to be signed off. They should be spending at least one hour every week on the remaining activity which should be completed in the near future.

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 **Silver practice expedition is Thursday 28th – Saturday 30th June.** We will be travelling in the school minibus, leaving school at 9 am on Thursday and returning at 4 pm on Sunday. Please arrange to drop off and pick up your child at these times.

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

Students will walk for three full days and camp overnight at Waterside campsite on the shores of Ullswater. This is a public campsite and there are toilets and showers on site.

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

The cost of the expedition will be £20 which covers the campsite fees and minibus travel. **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 assessed expedition will take place from Thursday 12th – Saturday 14th July. The provisional plan is for the students to start in Keswick, walk into Borrowdale and camp overnight near Rosthwaite. On the second day, they will climb over Honistor Pass to camp in Buttermere. For the final day, they will walk to Cockermouth where they will conclude. You will receive more information about the assessed expedition nearer the time.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours Sincerely,

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DofE Silver Practice Expedition – 28th to 30th June 2018

Please hand into the Admin Office at break time with payment of £20 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 £20 to cover the campsite fees and minibus travel.

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.