

Dear Parent/Carer,

Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award

Thank you for your support so far for your son/daughter in completing the Silver Award.


Unfortunately, in light of the continuing situation regarding Covid-19 and the Government guidance, I am postponing the Practice and Qualifying expeditions for this Academic Year. The new dates cannot be confirmed as yet, as we will need to monitor the ongoing situation regarding the virus, rearrange campsites, and book around their availability. Once there is more clarity about the ongoing Covid 19 situation, we will be able to make plans for the future. Please be assured that we will do our utmost to provide the opportunity for the expeditions in times suitable for the academic activities taking place in school. At present, we are looking to September as the earliest expeditions could be moved to, but this is subject to Government guidelines, staff availability, campsites and other outside factors.

For the other sections of the Award, the D of E have advised that as far as you can (mainly for skill I should imagine) you can continue this at home and be remotely assessed. However, if this presents problems, then the activity will need to be suspended until your son/daughter can restart it, having been given the go ahead from the Government. Therefore, I will not set a completion date on the other 3 sections, as we do not know the length of time we will be in this extraordinary situation. In addition, of course, the participant will not need to start again once we do return to “normal” activities...they will simply continue from where they left off.

These are extraordinary times and we are looking to your understanding and cooperation as we move through the next few months. We will be monitoring the situation and making plans, of which you will be informed as soon as we can.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me on emead@theweald.org.uk

Yours faithfully,



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