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Dear Parent/Carer

Duke of Edinburgh's Award – Gold Canoe Practice – 14th – 18th April 2020 Trip Award Leader – Miss Wilband

I am writing to update you regarding the Gold Practice Expedition, which should be running from Tuesday 14th April to Saturday 18th April 2020 along the River Derwent and Trent.

Unfortunately due to the unprecedented times we live in with the outbreak of Covid-19, after liaising with the AAP (Approved Activity Provider) and with the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Organisation Head Office as well as the DfE, it has been decided that the Expeditions will be postponed until we have a clearer picture of times ahead.

The initial plan is that it will take place in July instead of the Assessed Expedition and the Assessed Expedition will then take place in the first week of the new academic year and I will keep you updated with any new plans.

In the meantime, I am still approving sections on DofE and encourage you all to fill these in as detailed as you can, frequently checking on the 'communications' tab if there are queries to your sections. With the possibility of more non-structured time, remember that you can still work through your some of your sections. If you have been struggling for ideas for a skill for example, you could start an activity you have been meaning to do for a while, the DofE website has loads of ideas for this as do I and Mrs Watson, so do not hesitate to email either of us.

If you have any queries or questions regarding this decision or any other DofE issue, please do not hesitate to contact me by email. You can also explore the Award on the official Duke of Edinburgh's Award website <http://www.dofe.org>.

Yours faithfully

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