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Dear Parent/Carer

Duke of Edinburgh's Award – Bronze, Silver and Gold Expeditions – 2020 Trip Award Leader – Miss Wilband

I am writing to update you regarding the Bronze, Silver and Gold Expeditions, which should be running 2020.

As previously informed, 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 Academy has now decided that the Expedition/Trip monies for this year's Award will be refunded to you and this will be collected again next year when we know that it is safe to go ahead with the Expeditions. Please remember, however, that monies have already been paid for enrolment to the Award and the Training Day etc. so money returned will not be the full amount that you paid for the Duke of Edinburgh's Award.

It is my intention that Expedition dates will be pencilled in from Easter next year and that you will be informed of the new dates as soon as they have been approved.

In the meantime, it is important to stress that participants still have three sections of the Award to complete in their own time. The DofE have made several important changes on how to complete these sections, information has been sent out to your child's edofe account and more information can be found on <https://www.dofe.org/dofewithadifference>. I am really keen to emphasise that students should take up these new guidelines whilst doing their sections as it makes it much easier to complete these sections.

I am still approving sections on edofe 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. 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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