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## Dear Parent/Carer

I am delighted that we have our largest ever cohort signed up to undertake the Bronze D of E award this year.

On **Tuesday 22 September at 5.00pm** I will be hosting an online meeting for parents of students who are part of this years D of E cohort. This meeting will take place via Microsoft Teams and a link will be sent out by email and Class Charts notifications nearer the time. This meeting, along with the information contained in this letter will hopefully allow you to support your child to successfully complete their award and answer any questions that you have.

Should you need further information at any point I can be contacted via email (apearson@warnefordschool.org).

## Programme Planner

The first step for each of the participants on the D of E programme is to select which activities they will undertake for their Skill, Physical and Volunteering sections of the award. Many students will already be doing things which they can count towards this, if not there are suggestions attached to this letter. Students will need to complete two of these activities for 3 months and one for 6 months. The expectation is that they should be completing each activity for around an hour every week.

## eDofE

Once students have decided which activities they will undertake they need to record this information on eDofE. This is the online platform where students upload the evidence to show that they have completed each of the sections which make up the award. Students will receive their username and password for eDofE in a separate letter via their tutor. Once they have their login details there is an excellent video showing how to navigate eDofE to log their programme plans here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2jNfHskqZ-E>

There is also an iOS/Android eDofE app that students may prefer to use instead of the website: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D80IGvCwbhM>

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## **Expedition**

The fourth section of the award is the expedition. For this, students must complete a two-day journey on foot as part of a team which is self-sufficient. Understandably, there have been some adjustments made to the usual arrangements for this in light of covid-19; more about this will follow as much may have changed between now and the planned expedition dates in April. Training for the expedition will take place on the **3/4 October 2020**. On these days students will need to arrive in school by **9.30am** and be collected/make their way home at **4.00pm**. Students will be outside all day both days and so should come dressed appropriately. An equipment list is attached. All of the covid-19 procedures which students will have become used to in school will be being followed on these days including maintaining the year-group bubbles.

We have enlisted a company called Land and Wave to provide expedition training, equipment and assessors. They require all participants to complete a medical and consent form prior to the training weekend. This can be found by clicking here:  
<https://form.jotform.com/202471844308353>

The planned dates for the qualifying expeditions are the **10/11 April and 17/18 April 2021**.

I have tried to keep this letter concise whilst answering the immediate questions that you will have. More details will be provided at the meeting later this month. If you have any other urgent questions then please do get in touch.

Yours sincerely



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D of E Manager