

## **Education Department**

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Dear Parent/Carer

### **Bronze Duke of Edinburgh**

The Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award Practice Expedition takes place on 14 -15 May 2020 (New Lanark) and the Qualifying Expedition on 28 - 29 May 2020 (Dumfries and Galloway). It is compulsory that all participants complete a training programme to fully prepare them for the Expeditions. Pupils will receive a training booklet which includes a kit list and information on what equipment/food to purchase.

The training will cover First Aid, Emergency procedures, kit/packing, food, camp craft, The Country Code, map reading, navigation and route planning. It is essential all pupils attend the following after school sessions on:

Thursdays 20 February 2020, 27 February 2020 and 5 March 2020

The sessions will run from 3.35-4.45pm. If your child is unable to attend the sessions they must inform me as soon as possible. They will then have to attend training sessions at lunchtimes otherwise they will not be allowed to take part in the Expeditions.

Participants taking part in the Bronze Award must now fully complete two out of the following sections - Volunteering, Physical or Skill before they go out on Expedition. Each completed section must contain the following:

a detailed Activity Log

an Assessor Report

at least 4 photographs

Assessor details and start/end dates must be filled in on their eDofE.

There is information on the school website to help. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries.

Yours faithfully

K Ward

Duke of Edinburgh Leader