

23rd March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is with disappointment that I have to inform you of my intention to postpone our Bronze Practice Expedition scheduled for 13/14 June 2020. Having discussed with my supervisors, we feel it is not appropriate to take your daughter away on expedition during these challenging times that we are all facing.

If participants cannot continue their volunteering etc., due to a closure or restricted access site, this is not an issue as they can carry on again when access becomes possible. Should they wish to change one of their sections, this is possible and they should use eDofE to make the amendment. Mr Garbett, our DofE Centre Manager would then check and approve this.

I will write again when we are in a position to plan further with some new suggested dates for the expeditions. At this time I shall leave the weekend of the Assessed Expedition – 4/5 July 2020 booked with campsites **and this will be used as the practice**. Should we be unable to have any further training sessions in school before 4/5 July, we would change the practice to a staff led training session on day 1 of the weekend in Derbyshire. Day 2 would involve groups walking as planned with staff supervising the expedition at various points; ensuring groups are safe and well.

Further information can be found on the official DofE website -

www.dofe.org

www.dofe.org/coronavirus/

www.dofe.org/coronaactivitytips

I should like to take the opportunity to wish you well in these difficult times and hope that you and your families stay safe and well. I look forward to seeing participants again very soon.

Yours sincerely,

Mr J Smith – Bronze DofE Co-ordinator