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Dear Parent/Guardian

Having expressed an interest in completing the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award in school, I am writing to confirm that your son/daughter has been accepted as part of the scheme.

As I stated in my previous letter, the total cost of completing the scheme will be £157. In order to enrol students on the award scheme and acquire their welcome packs, we require an initial payment of £27 via [ParentPay](#) [SBI] by Friday 20 October. This is to ensure we can get students registered promptly so they can start their activities as soon as possible. The remaining £130 to cover the expedition costs will be due at a later date.

In order to complete their awards, students must complete expedition training sessions, with the main one in school in March and others in lunchtimes in the weeks before their expeditions. In addition, students must complete one two-day practice expedition in May 2018, and one two-day qualifying expedition in June 2018, each over a weekend. Because of the number of students involved, I shall be splitting the group into two smaller groups. Each will do one weekend in May and one in June. The dates for these have been confirmed by Dynamic Adventures (the expedition provider) as the weekends of 5-6 May and 19-20 May 2018, for the practice expedition, and 16-17 June and 23-24 June 2018, for the qualifying expedition. I shall write to you again in the New Year reminding you of these dates, but they will be on the school website shortly. Attendance at all of the training sessions and expeditions is **compulsory** for completing the award.

The participants are now responsible for identifying and taking part in qualifying activities to complete their Skill, Physical and Volunteering sections (two for 3 months, one for 6 months) and for finding an assessor for each, who must be experienced in the area of practice and must not be a family member. Once they are enrolled on the scheme each student will be set up with an eDofE account, and at this point they can start their activities. The eDofE account is used for entering information about their activities and uploading evidence of completion, including a signed report from their assessor, for each of these sections. If participants are unsure as to whether a particular activity qualifies for a section they should be able to find all of the information they need on the [DofE website](#). Once enrolled, students will also be given an information pack and further guidelines as to how they go about completing their sections.

More information about the scheme is available on the school website and at www.dofe.org. If you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you for your interest and support with this activity.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs M Lester

Bronze DofE Coordinator