



To: Parents/Carers of DofE Students

Our Ref: 87861

8 December 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

## Re: Recommencing of the DofE programme at South Hunsley School

With the latest lockdown ending last Wednesday, we believe that we will be in a position to safely welcome our members back to DofE meetings shortly. Please ignore the original plan of meetings for 2020 issued at the meeting in March. We will now meet on **Wednesday evenings** after Christmas. Due to the current pandemic, we are required to keep separate year groups apart so have planned the series of dates below.

The DofE have released updated guidance on expeditions, so I hope to start planning expedition with the groups in the near future with the intention of getting groups out as soon as the season opens next year.

Everyone who has begun any Awards will be welcome at the meetings as we think everyone will have done something that will count towards their DofE Award during the 'lockdown' or have activities that were started beforehand which can be adapted and/or use an alternative completed during this time. DofE have been releasing lots of ideas to help members complete sections - a summary can be seen in our 'News' message at the front of members' eDofE accounts, or you can see everything on the main website at <https://www.dofe.org/dofewithadifference>.

If members have not been onto eDofE over recent months, we hope they will log back in before their meeting to update details and, perhaps, upload evidence that we can either approve now or help them make additions so that requirements can be met.

At the meetings we will spend time helping members upload details onto eDofE to either complete Awards, or to get other sections complete so that Awards are completed as soon as we can get back to expeditions. We will also spend the evening looking at the progress they have made towards their Award, and recording on eDofE. Weekly exercise sessions, helping those in the local community who have been isolating, with shopping or gardening, and mentoring younger siblings with school work or crafts are all possible activities and we can assess where necessary.

For those who began Awards this year, we hope to show them how to complete sections, other than the expeditions, which will allow them to gain the DofE 'Certificate of Achievement 2020'. Some members have



already been successful with this or are well on their way to doing so, well done! We would still like to see them, however, so they take part in training/planning for future expeditions.

We anticipate the meetings to take 90 minutes, and ask you to collect students at 8.30pm. As we will be following the School's risk assessments and procedures it is important that members bring their own water, as water fountains have been disconnected, and a mask for moving around the school site.

Students will need to be at school, in KDS where we have held previous meetings, for 7:00pm on their assigned date.

The dates for the evenings are as follows:

**Year 10 - Wednesday 6 January 2021**

**Year 11 - Wednesday 20 January 2021**

**Year 12 – Wednesday 3 February 2021**

**Year 13 - Wednesday 3 February 2021**

**Invited members Only Catch-up session – Wednesday 10th February 2021**

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the training meetings or the Award in general, please contact me by emailing [steven.scott@southhunsley.org.uk](mailto:steven.scott@southhunsley.org.uk). Any questions about current activities and/or eDofE, please continue to contact Lesley through eDofE or email on [lesley.murray@southhunsley.org.uk](mailto:lesley.murray@southhunsley.org.uk).

Yours faithfully,



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