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Dear Parent/Guardian,

I am writing with an update about your child's Bronze DofE award and what steps they can take to ensure that they are still working towards their award. We are still aiming to go on the expedition in May, and the students will still need to prepare for this. I will aim to give them some work towards the expedition over the next few weeks.

The students need to complete at least six months in one of the disciplines, and three months for the other two. A large majority of students would have already completed an hour a week of physical, volunteering and skill activities by the time that the School had closed. Therefore, they can start to email their assessors in order to get their sections approved and signed off before the end of the academic year. I have already emailed them a template on how to do this, but I will send it out again as a reminder.

If they have not completed the allocated amount of time (one hour a week) for each section, now is the perfect time for them to complete these. For example, a number of students have put knitting, music or cookery down as their skill, which can easily be completed at home and photo evidence uploaded to eDofE via the app.

For their physical activity, I am sure that you are encouraging your child to stay active. Even if they are practising their chosen sport or activity in the garden, a number of short videos of them doing this will help the assessor to sign off their award.

Finally, although most of the volunteering is done through School, students could still be helping their local community, the NHS or even looking out for elderly neighbours whilst they are at home. These activities should be evidenced as it embodies what the DofE award was created for.

Even if students have completed the sections, in regards to hours, I do not want this to be the end of their journey and I would love to see them carrying on with these activities up until the end of term. The awards were created to give young people goals to work for, both personally and for the wider community, and now more than ever this is needed. Please encourage your child to carry on engaging with the activities and I cannot wait to see all the evidence uploaded onto eDofE, even it is as simple as kicking a football, cooking a simple meal or learning a new song.

I thank you all for your continued support and I look forward to seeing your child achieve their Bronze DofE award in Routh assembly in front of the Senior School when we are all allowed to meet again.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,

Mr J Farnes