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Dear Parents and DofE Award Participants,

We wanted to reassure all DofE participants that we do intend to run the expeditions when the school is once again in a position to safely do so but to confirm that all expeditions planned for this summer will not take place. We will notify you as soon as we have agreed dates and these will not impact on next year's examinations. If, once the dates are confirmed, students are unable to attend the expedition then we can refund any payments made towards the expedition. If you are in the process of paying for an expedition in instalments then you can either continue along the current payment plan or defer until we have confirmed a date.

In the meantime, participants are actively encouraged to continue with their sectional activities at home where possible – Volunteering activities could involve raising awareness, planning fund-raising for a charity they have been working with or completing an online volunteering programme like the one linked at the bottom of this message\*. Physical activities can switch to house-based fitness sessions or individual sports such as cycling, walking or running whilst they are still encouraged. Skill-based activities can largely still be researched or practised within the home-setting.

In exceptional circumstances students are permitted to 'swap' the activities they are doing and these are exceptional times! If this was to be the case then students would just need an assessor report for each of the activities they have been doing – this is best done, to minimise contact, online through the following portal: <https://edofe.org/Assessor>. To complete this students will just need their 'Participant number' which is found on their eDofE webpage. Alternatively, participants can take an extended break from their DofE activities and add this time to their scheduled end-date. In either instance they would be encouraged to keep a 'log' of their activities (and perhaps take photos of things they are creating) to evidence they have met the required time-period. If they are unsure as to who can assess activities carried out at home, I would suggest asking their allocated 'DofE Leader' to do this.

Kind regards

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DofE Award Manager

\* <http://www.energyenvoys.org.uk/>