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Dear Parent or Carer

Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award Update

I am writing to you with a further update regarding your child's Duke of Edinburgh Award.

Following the latest government guidance the Duke of Edinburgh team in school have made the difficult decision to once again suspend expeditions for this academic year. I would have liked nothing more than to have been able to complete the expedition section with my participants; however, with this latest lockdown, and the measures that will likely be imposed following it, it is increasingly unlikely that we can feasibly offer expeditions in the way that we would like to.

Given that we have regrettably had to cancel expeditions once again, I will not be collecting the outstanding payment for the final instalment amount; for Silver participants this is £90. This is because the money from the final instalment for your child's award is normally used to fund the expedition section.

I understand this situation is less than ideal; however, please be assured that students are still able to achieve their Certificates of Achievement upon completion of their Skills/Physical/Volunteering sections. I know this isn't the full award level, but it shows recognition to students for their hard work, and students do still have the opportunity to complete their award in full if they choose to complete their expedition sections at a later date.

I will be running expeditions again at some point in the future, and your child will be given the opportunity to participate in those expeditions when they happen. If your child chooses to complete their expedition section with us when we are able to run them again, we will take payment for those expeditions at that time.

In the meantime, it is really important that students of all award levels continue to work on their Physical, Skills, and Volunteering sections themselves at home so that they can achieve their Certificates of Achievement.

I apologise for further disappointing news, however, I hope you will agree that given the circumstances at the moment we have made the right decision for our Award Participants.

If students have any questions/queries about any of their other section work they can contact me at the following e-mail address: jess.yates@driffieldschool.org.uk.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "J Yates".

Miss J Yates
Duke of Edinburgh Manager