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Dear Bronze 2021 DofE Participant, and Parents/Carers,

I am writing to update you on the latest situation with regards to you, or your son's/daughter's, Bronze DofE expeditions. Some things have changed due to difficulties regarding guidance on (a) outdoor activities, (b) DofE expeditions, and (c) school trips

Most importantly, one date has changed from the (provisional) dates you were sent earlier this month. There will be no additional cost to these excursions.

Provisional Expedition Dates - UPDATED

- 1 Training day on **Wednesday 12 May**
- 1 Practice day on **Friday 21 May**
- 2 Qualifying Expedition days on **Friday 28 May** and **Saturday 29 May**

I would remind you that these are all single day walks, and that no overnight camping will take place.

Points to note:

- Pupils will carry a full rucksack; they will be expected to pitch their tents and cook a hot meal, as if on an overnight camping expedition.
- Please try to obtain a wristwatch with a stopwatch on it. A stopwatch is just as essential a part of navigation as the map and compass!
- You will appreciate that planning this year's expedition season has been greatly hampered by various uncertainties. To remove one uncertainty, may I make it clear: **if a consent form is not returned by the (deliberately tight) deadline of 15.40 on Friday 30 April, then the individual concerned is *certainly* not going on the expedition.**
- Consent forms may be handed in to the school office or submitted electronically.

Transport:

Obviously we would wish to use minibuses to transport pupils. But this is currently an area of uncertainty! It may be that we have to ask parents to transport children to start and finish points. These locations are all relatively local (one finish point is the school) and precise details will be given out as soon as we find out if this option proves necessary.



Once consent forms have been received, and numbers confirmed, I will send more detailed info re. pre-expedition meetings, kit requirements, precise timings, routes etc. etc.

As ever, if you have any queries, issues, problems etc. – please do get in touch.

Yours faithfully,

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