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Dear Parent/Carer,

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award

We are excited to be able to offer The Duke of Edinburgh award scheme at Parkside Community School. Your child has expressed an interest in taking part and beginning their journey to complete the Bronze Award.

What is The Duke of Edinburgh Award?

It is recognition of a young person's successful journey of self-discovery and development which is acclaimed by employers and universities for demonstrating the qualities developed within young people who achieve it. It is a balanced programme that develops the mind, body and soul in an environment of social interaction and team work.

There are 3 progressive levels of the DofE programmes and the Bronze Award takes approximately 8-12 months to complete.

Completion of the Bronze Award will involve your child successfully completing 4 different sections which include a physical activity, a skill, volunteering and completing a 2-day expedition which will include 1-night camping once the current COVID-19 restrictions are lifted. Your child may already be taking part in an activity that falls in to one of these sections however we will encourage students to consider taking part in new experiences through the Award.

The skill, physical and volunteer sections must be completed once a week with 2 of these sections to be completed over 3 months and 1 over 6 months. In addition, students will take part in a practice and an assessed expedition. Completion of the award requires commitment from participants with both the activities and the on-going training.

All after-school training for the award will take place on some Wednesdays after the February half-term, 3.00pm – 4.00pm pending the lifting of current COVID-19 restrictions. Your child will receive a full training calendar once they have enrolled.

How much does it cost?

The cost to register for the award is £25.00 which will need to be paid via ParentPay by **Friday 27 November 2020**. There will be extra costs for the expedition but we will endeavour to keep these to a minimum. If your child receives free school meals, the registration cost will be £10 as

we can apply for funding to cover the shortfall. Further details on anticipated costs will follow at a later date.

Payment is to be made on your ParentPay Account. If you have not activated your ParentPay account, please contact the school office for support.

Please note: The payment is for registration for the award which can be completed over a longer period of time if the current restrictions due to COVID-19 remain in place.

Further financial support may be available for families who are currently experiencing financial difficulties. We as a school do not want the payment to be a barrier for any student who wishes to take part in the programme.

Confirmation of interest

If you'd like your child to take part in the DofE Award, please register your child's details [using this online form](#).

If you have any questions regarding the Award scheme, please contact Miss Smith or Mr Gould at school.

Yours sincerely



K Smith
Duke of Edinburgh Award Mangers



M Gould