



SILVER DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD

October 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

Your son / daughter has expressed an interest in taking part in the Warlingham School Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme. I hope that they maintain their current level of enthusiasm throughout the experience if successful in their application!

Students must organise the Skill, Volunteering and Physical sections themselves using the D of E website to ensure that they have chosen suitable activities. Any activity chosen by your son / daughter MUST be approved by one of the DofE leaders before they start. If they have done the bronze award, they need to have finished the corresponding section before embarking in it for silver. There will be training provided for the expeditions and students must prove their capabilities before we will take them on the trip. If your son / daughter cannot make a training session then it is expected that they will see a DofE leader before the session to make their apologies.

The dates of the Silver Expeditions in 2019 are:

- Friday 1<sup>st</sup> – Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May – Training Expedition - Wales
- Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May – Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May – Assessed Expedition - Peak District  
(note, Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> and Sun 24<sup>th</sup> are the start of half term week)

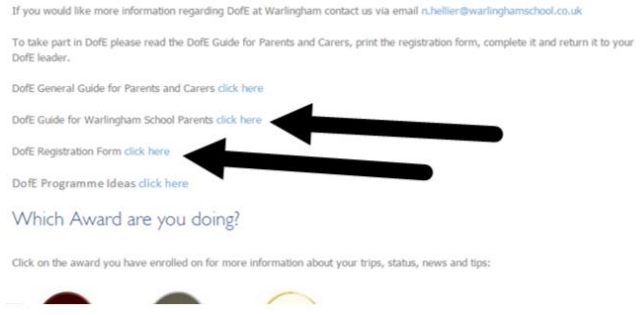
The Award requires both time and financial commitments; the total cost of the award will be £210 plus the cost of any equipment such as good walking boots, walking socks and waterproofs - most other equipment can be loaned from school. Information will be given to students about appropriate equipment, so if you are unsure, please wait before buying anything. If you have a financial issue but still wish your child to take part in the award then please do contact me.

From the £210 the DofE registration is £19 and the Warlingham Licence is £16 – the remainder covers training costs and expedition costs. The payment of £210 can be paid as a lump sum or in three instalments of £70 by 14<sup>th</sup> December, 31<sup>st</sup> January and 28<sup>th</sup> February. Payments should be made on Wisepay. Please keep a record of any receipt number so that it is easier to investigate if there are any queries about payments being accepted. Those students who are pupil premium will have a reduction and this information will appear on your Wisepay account. Wisepay should be available within a week of your son / daughter being informed that they've been accepted on the award – please contact me if this is not the case.

The DofE registration form will need to be printed, filled out and returned as soon as possible. The form and the accompanying Guide for Parents and Carers are accessible via the school website. There will be permission forms for the trip issued in the Spring Term.

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Information specific to Warlingham DofE will sometimes be found via our twitter account [@WarlinghamDofE](#) and students and parents can keep up to date about training sessions and other deadlines. If you look at historical tweets, you will find links to other information and advice that could be useful. It will also be used to keep parents informed whilst the rest of us are on the expeditions. General information can be found at [www.dofe.org](http://www.dofe.org).

We would like you to be able to view photos of the students from the expeditions so (in a future letter) we will be asking permission for your son / daughter to appear in tweets and a photo gallery on the school website.

Part of the aims of the award is to improve participants' motivation and organisation. It is the students' responsibility to collect evidence for their award, upload it to the eDofE online system and ensure all requirements are met before the expedition. Your support is vital in encouraging them and helping them maintain enthusiasm. Staff members are volunteering to run this award and is in addition to their normal teaching duties – we do not have the time to keep chasing students for money, forms or evidence (although we will do our best).

If your son / daughter did the bronze award then they will receive a time discount for sections in the silver award – if they have yet to get this signed off, please provide them with any necessary support that they need to complete the award (even if it's a push for them to come and find me to ask what else needs to be done!).

Most relevant information for the expedition was given at the parents' evening for the bronze expedition last year. Should you have any specific queries then please contact either me I'll be happy to answer any questions.

Planning and payments have to be made by us throughout the year based on initial numbers so we will be unlikely to be able to refund any monies should your son / daughter withdraw from the award. If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to email me.

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