



TUDOR GRANGE ACADEMY WORCESTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

There have been a few questions regarding DofE going forward this academic year.

We have been continuing to monitor the advice from the Government, DofE and Chase Training Solutions and would now like to provide you with the following update.

If students are still able to take part in any of the sections, and it is safe to do so, then they should continue.

I am aware that there are many opportunities that are being cancelled like sporting fixtures and volunteering in the community, so this will be put on hold for many students.

Any weekly sessions that they have completed should be evidenced fully on eDofE. This could be in the form of a photo of themselves, a room layout, a piece of paper with a coaching plan, a written explanation of what they did or a video. As there could be many weeks between adding evidence it will be important to document any sessions that have already happened so that students will not need to start again from scratch to make sure that they have enough evidence for the sessions.

The DofE will continue to review the situation as it evolves and will review their programme requirements and consider temporary modifications to minimise the impact on the students ability to continue and complete their programme.

Some FAQs that I think will be of use to you:

My son/daughter wants to change their activities to ones they can do on their own / at home. Is this ok?

Yes, this is fine. DofE programmes allow young people to change from one activity to another at any point. In these unique circumstances, it's likely that many participants will choose to do this, and the DofE be sharing ideas on how young people can safely carry on with elements of their DofE programme in the next few days.

Do you have any suggestions for activities young people can do on their own / remotely?

Yes. The DofE are working on a list of activities, which will shortly be published at dofe.org/coronaactivitytips. We'll let the studenta know as soon as they have got ideas published there via SMHW. In the meantime, if there are ideas that are working particularly well, please do share them with myslef so that I can share them with DofE and other students.

Due to the uncertainty of how long this will last, we have said that we will postpone the DofE expeditions until we have a clearer idea of how the rest of the academic year looks. We will keep you updated with any further information as and when we have it.

The students will still be able to complete their DofE Award, just not in the original time frame expected of this academic year. While we fully appreciate this is a worrying time, please rest assured that we are doing all we can to safeguard the good health of our students and our wider school community. Thank you for your ongoing support in helping us to achieve this.

Kind Regards

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