



Tomlinscote School

March 2021

Dear parents,

I am delighted to let you know that the in-school training day in preparation for our practice and assessed expeditions will be going ahead later on this term. Our Approved Activity Provider is School of Outdoors and their instructors will be in school to deliver training on Sunday 21st March. Your child will need to register at 8.45 am on the main school playground, the day's training will finish at 4pm. Students will need to wear comfortable, weather appropriate clothing, and will also need to bring their iPad and a packed lunch. Completing pre expedition training is a mandatory requirement of the Duke of Edinburgh award, which means that you should let me know asap (deadline 12th March) if for any reason your child will not be able to attend the training on the 21st. Please note that in light of these activities and if you have not already paid, the second instalment of £75 is now payable via Parentpay.

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind you of our other dates in the summer term. Friday 21st and Saturday 22nd May will be the practice expedition. Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th June will be the assessed expedition.

It is very likely that these two dates will go ahead and therefore you might like to start thinking about the equipment your child will need since walking boots take time to wear in. I include a link to a DofE equipment list <https://www.dofe.org/shopping/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/DofE-Expedition-Kit-List-Jan-21.pdf>- please note SOO will provide tents, compasses, maps, first aid kits, cooking stoves and fuel. My advice would be to leave buying overnight equipment e.g. sleeping bags and mats until closer to the time (in case restrictions are still in place regarding camping).

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to get in contact with me at AJarman@tomlinscoteschool.com.

Kind regards,

Mrs Jarman