



# BROOKVALE GROBY LEARNING CAMPUS

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Dear Parents/ Carers

Firstly, I thank you for your patience in regards to D of E. I have held back from sending out any communication until I had some confirmed dates and plans in place. This has not been an easy task as every time I feel these are in place, restrictions and regulations have changed. As a result, I've been back to square one. However, I now feel that we are in a position to move forward, with the easing of restrictions and the vaccination programme in place.

I would like to reassure you that all measures will be taken to ensure students have a safe expedition and given the opportunity to complete their award. D of E have put a number of measures in place to allow expeditions to take place in a modified and COVID secure environment. These include:

1. Students remaining in year group bubbles; as per the current working practice within the school.
2. No requirement to camp overnight. Meaning students can return home after the day of walking.
3. Walks modified so that they take place within the local environment.
4. Social distancing, as within school, to be in place. Hands, face, space policy to be adopted when in confined spaces and when using supplied equipment. Masks do not need to be worn when walking but during rest breaks, unless eating/ drinking, these need to be worn. This is subject to change.
5. Students will not be required to carry equipment such as tents and stoves etc. However, they will be expected to demonstrate their camp craft skills at the end of the days walking. Sanitised equipment will be supplied. They will be expected to carry water and food in a day sack.

Provisional dates for the expeditions are:

**Bronze Practice- 15-16th May 2021**  
**Bronze Assessed- 5th-6th June 2021**

**Sliver Practice/Assessed- 8th-12th July 2021**

These dates are subject to change depending on the restrictions in place at the time. Details of drop off and collection points will be sent out via ParentPay closer to the date of the expedition from Lorraine Squires at Mere Lane.

In addition to this, D of E have also modified the rules around the completion of the physical, skill and volunteering sections to allow students to complete their award. These include: allowing students to change activities at any point to allow students to complete the section e.g. changing from playing football to doing a home workout for 1 hour per week; students can complete sections at home e.g. volunteering time to raise money for a charity (sponsored event for example) or volunteering time to help an elderly family member e.g. doing their shopping etc. Activities must be within the current COVID restrictions. Students will still need to complete an assessor's report, which I can complete providing I have evidence of the activities taking place e.g. photos, log books, Strava/ fitness app's screenshots for example.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me, Email: [mrichardson@brookvalegroby.com](mailto:mrichardson@brookvalegroby.com)

Yours sincerely

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