

#DofEwithadifference



DofE with a difference continues to be updated

A screenshot of the DofE website homepage. The header includes the DofE logo, navigation links for 'Do DofE', 'Run DofE', 'Support DofE', 'Resources and tools', and 'DofE Shopping', along with 'Donate' and 'eDofE login' buttons. The main content area features six resource cards arranged in a 3x2 grid. Each card has a title, a short paragraph of text, a 'READ MORE' or 'DOWNLOAD' button, and a small image. The cards are: 1. 'FAQs for DofE adults' with an image of a person in a forest. 2. 'FAQs for DofE participants' with an image of hands rolling a dough. 3. 'Activity ideas list' with an image of a person on a bicycle. 4. 'How to continue your DofE' with an image of a person using a laptop. 5. 'Finding an Assessor' with an image of a person at a sewing machine. 6. 'Remote learning/distance opportunities' with an image of a person walking a dog.

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Expeditions with a difference

- We have experience of expeds with a difference from additional needs secure estate
- Involves doing an expedition in limited space and completing a series of team challenges requiring both mental and physical skills, before camping outside – for example, in school grounds – for one or more nights.
- We'll publish resources to help all our LOs deliver this model for their participants when Government guidelines make it possible.



Different time of year

If social distancing rules are relaxed much later this year, we may need to support LOs to run several expeditions in a short time.

This is likely to be outside the 'usual' expedition season – although DofE expeditions can always be run at any point of the year.



In this case, we'll enable some rule changes:

- Assessors can temporarily be known to the group (already announced)
- We'll relax the rules around recommended environments, so participants don't have to leave their local area to complete an expedition – for example, Gold expeditions would be able to take place outside of wild country.
- At Silver and Gold level, practice expeditions and qualifying expeditions can be delivered 'back to back'.

Expeditions in November/December



Consider indoor accommodation at all levels, church halls, scout huts, school halls and school gyms.



Preplacing extra kit for warmth – have participants bring an extra blanket or quilt with them for use at night + extra warm clothing for sleeping in, no need to carry it. No need for variation form.



Consider where you go, doesn't have to be in challenging countryside – can you stay closer to home?



Start earlier in the day – darkness is better in the morning than in the evening when the team is tired

Practice Expeditions



- Practice expeditions will still be required at Silver and Gold. They are an essential part of the safety planning and training for teams at these levels
- Remember many participants will have completed previous expeditions over 12 months ago
- Think about the minimum timescales - 2 nights and 2 days for both Gold and Silver practice expeditions

Want to move on, but can't complete an expedition?

For those participants who simply won't have the chance to complete an expedition this year and want to progress from **Bronze to Silver**, we'll introduce two temporary rule changes

- At Bronze level, participants who have completed their Skills, Physical and Volunteering sections – achieving the 2020 DofE Certificate of Achievement – and progress to Silver, will be **treated as if they have completed the previous Award level**. This means they'll only have to complete 6 months of activity, not 12.
- Participants who do this will be able to use their **Silver practice expedition as their qualifying expedition at Bronze**, so they'll achieve their Bronze Award then.



Something different



- We're also investigating the possibility of introducing new experiences for participants later this year.
- We want to find ways of delivering the same learning outcomes as the Expedition section, but that can be delivered safely to participants who can't do a traditional expedition because of social distancing.



DofE are very keen to be working with Local Authorities, as pupils return to school and that the Outdoor Learning opportunities that DofE can provide, be part of the “blended” educational offer to young people.



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