

23<sup>rd</sup> March 2020

*Our reference: JSN/CB\**

Dear Parent/Carer,

**Re: Postponement of all Duke of Edinburgh trips and expeditions.**

Following the recent announcements on the containment of the Coronavirus by the government and the decision to close all schools, we will sadly need to postpone all our Duke of Edinburgh expeditions planned for next term. We will be working hard to put into place plans for later expeditions (possibly in the Autumn term) to make sure that students still have the chance to complete their Duke of Edinburgh Award with us.

Where possible students should continue to work towards completing and uploading evidence for their three independent sections (physical, skills and volunteering.) It is however recognised that this may become increasingly difficult at present, given the current situation. We will be in regular contact with the Merton Duke of Edinburgh leader and will advise further on any changes or recommendations that they may have, with regards to the completion of these sections.

This situation will obviously be reviewed as we go through the coming months and we will communicate any updates on this as soon as we have any updated information to share.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me on [jsanderson@raynespark.merton.sch.uk](mailto:jsanderson@raynespark.merton.sch.uk)

Yours faithfully,

*J Sanderson*

**Mr J Sanderson**  
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