



To complete the full Award, you must complete 4 sections.

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Development and regular progress must be evidenced and all activities must be approved in the first instance and assessed when complete.

How are sections assessed?

An Assessor can be anyone who is interested in helping you to achieve, has some knowledge of the activity you are doing and can be available over the time you're doing it.

From the local football coach to the neighbour who's a web designer, just about anyone can be an Assessor for the Volunteering, Physical and Skills sections.

They must be independent. Therefore, they cannot be a member of your family.



Participants will need to find an assessor for each of the Volunteering, Physical and Skills sections. An Assessor checks on your progress and agrees the completion of a section of your programme. They must be over 18 and independent. They **cannot** be a member of your family.

EXPEDITION DATES 2023/24

Training Day (in school)

Saturday 16th March 2024

Practice Expedition Weekend

18th – 19th May 2024

Qualifying Expedition Weekend

8th – 9th June 2024

Our expeditions this year will be led by our Approved Activity Provider, **Badger Adventures**. There will be a full training day where participants will learn first aid skills, how to cook on a camping stove, how to pack a rucksack, and map reading skills.

<https://badgeradventures-dofe.co.uk/>

Next, there will be a 'Practice Expedition' This will be a 2 day / 1 night weekend expedition, where the participants will have full support from their instructors, teaching them the necessary skills they will need to prepare them for their Qualifying Expedition.

The Qualifying Expedition, again a 2 day / 1 night weekend expedition is where the students, in their DofE groups of between 4 – 7, will use the skills they have learnt so far to undertake the expedition routes they have planned. They will be supported remotely through this process. Both expeditions will take place in the Leicestershire Countryside, and transport to and from the start/end locations will be required from parents / carers.

School staff will also be present (remotely) during the expeditions and will camp overnight with the participants.

COSTS

£50 non-refundable deposit required by

Thursday 12th October 2023

For enrolment on to the DofE Bronze Award Scheme
and to receive your Welcome Pack.

£180* Expedition Payment due by

31st January 2024

Refundable until 4 weeks prior to the Practice Expedition.

*includes full training day in school, practise expedition and qualifying expedition. Also included are tents, stove and fuel.

NB. Does *not* include personal kit such as rucksacks, sleeping bags and mats, waterproof clothing, walking boots, food.

Travel expenses may also be additional – but for Bronze we ask for parents to drop off and collect – the expeditions will be in the Leicestershire Area.

NEXT STEPS

- Complete and sign the application form and return to school by **Thursday 12th October 2023**. Please hand in to Mrs Woolaston in the Performance Zone Office. You will be given a Section Planner to complete.
- **£50 non-refundable deposit** to be paid via School Gateway by Thursday 12th October 2023 please.
- Check out the DofE website, it is full of ideas and suggestions for what you might do for your volunteering, physical and skills sections.
- Start planning your sections as soon as possible – who could your assessor be, what are your goals, where are you going to do your sections – at home? In the local community?
- Check out what is happening in school at lunchtimes or after-school, is there something new you might like to try?
- After half term, keep an eye on your emails – you will be invited to attend an after-school session to officially enrol with the DofE and gain access to your personal eDofE account – bring your completed Section Planner with you.
- Approximately 2 weeks after registration, your DofE Welcome Pack and discount card will arrive in the post to the home address you provided on registration.

Any questions? Please feel free to email Mrs Woolaston on jwoolaston@johnferneley.org or check out the JFC website and the DofE website – where all your questions about the scheme will be answered and resources found.

<https://www.dofe.org> and their YouTube channel

<https://www.youtube.com/thedofeuk>

