



15<sup>th</sup> April 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this finds you well and that you enjoyed a relaxing break over the Easter period.

I wanted to update you on the current position with regards to Duke of Edinburgh.

In order for us to be permitted to run DofE at school, we must have a DofE manager and a Deputy. We currently have both these positions filled, but the position for next academic year is uncertain. We are doing all we can to be in a position to run DofE, but I wanted to be transparent with you as early as possible. Should we not have a DofE manager and Deputy in post for 2024 25, students can still take part in DofE via other local organisations.

**Plymouth Scouts** – website: [plymouthscouts.org.uk](http://plymouthscouts.org.uk) which has links to all Scout Groups across Plymouth. If parents are unable to find a local group, please email John Davies [dc@plymouthscouts.org.uk](mailto:dc@plymouthscouts.org.uk) who can put you in touch with your nearest group and can signpost to groups in South Hams and Cornwall. Parents of students who are already in a Scouting group can email [plymouthscoutsdofe@gmail.com](mailto:plymouthscoutsdofe@gmail.com) to register for DofE.

**Girlguiding Plymouth** – to join Girlguiding you have to register on the National website [Register a child | Girlguiding](http://Register a child | Girlguiding) they will then put you in touch with a local group (all over the city). Parents of students who are already in a Guide group can email David Hood [DofE Adviser | Girlguiding Devon \(devonguides.org.uk\)](http://DofE Adviser | Girlguiding Devon (devonguides.org.uk)) to register for DofE.

**Air Cadets (Plymouth and Cornwall Wing)** – there are several Squadrons in Plymouth (City of Plymouth, Devonport, St. Budeaux, North Plymouth, Plympton, Plymstock and Saltash) and parents can find their local one at [Royal Air Force Air](http://Royal Air Force Air)

[Cadets | Royal Air Force Air Cadets \(mod.uk\)](#) and from there register with a Squadron and join DofE through them.

**Plymouth Drake Sea Cadets** – website: [www.sea-cadets.org/plymouthdrake/](http://www.sea-cadets.org/plymouthdrake/) there are two groups that meet at Crownhill Fort Road on a Tuesday and a Thursday evening. There is currently a waiting list to join but it is possible to register interest at [admin-plymouth@cadetmail.mod.uk](mailto:admin-plymouth@cadetmail.mod.uk)

**Devon Army Cadets** – website: [Devon Army Cadets | Army Cadets UK](#). There are detachments in Mutley, Honicknowle, St. Budeaux, Torpoint and Saltash, and they can be found here [Find a detachment | Army Cadets UK](#) and from there parents can follow a link to enable their child to join as a cadet.

Best wishes,



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**Headteacher.**