

DofE Pupil Commitments 2023-24

To promote the smooth running of the DofE at Fulford we require pupils to agree to the following statements. Although it is an afterschool club, some sessions can be run like lessons and positive behaviour is expected throughout.

Attendance. Each afterschool session will teach new skills or your group will be working towards a goal. With reduced numbers groups can find it hard to complete route cards on time or need further sessions to ensure each member of the team has all the required knowledge

- I will try to attend every afterschool session
- If I am absent I will inform my supervisor
- I will catch up on training for missed sessions so I can be relied upon in my group

Attitude. The more you engage and are positive towards the sessions the more you will get out of them. There will be times where you need to listen to learn and other times where group work is important

- I will not have my phone out during sessions. This is still school with school rules. Training, such as first aid, is important and must have your full attention
- I will engage positively in all sessions. DofE is an excellent opportunity to forget what ever has happened throughout the day and experience something new with your group
- I will follow instructions. Often staff will have had a full day as well. Treat them with just as much respect as in a normal lesson or you may be asked to leave.

Equipment. School has equipment to lend out which has been paid for by previous years or donated. There will also be plenty of time when you will be around other people's equipment, which may be expensive.

- I will treat equipment I borrow in sessions or for expeditions with respect as if it were mine
- I will not deliberately damage any equipment and will be prepared to pay for repairs to school, staff or pupil's equipment if damage occurs
- I will bring back all borrowed equipment

Activities. The three activities, Volunteering, Skill and Physical, need to be a regular undertaking. Staff can suggest activities for you but cannot find them for you.

- I will do my best to source my own activities
- I will add each activity to EDofE and not start until it has been checked
- I will set suitable targets that have been agreed with my assessor, and do my best to complete them
- I will represent Fulford School and be sensible at all times during my activities
- I will find a suitable assessor. This cannot be a friend or family member and needs to be someone who can confidently assess your targets and create a short report to confirm this.

Expedition. Lots of trust placed on you to be a member of Fulford School in the countryside without direct supervision. One group messing around can very easily ruin and cancel DofE for future years

- I will follow the countryside code
- I will always be polite to my group and members of the public
- I will represent Fulford School and follow the HEART values at all times.

DofE Staff Commitments 2023-24

The Fulford staff who are DofE leaders are a committed team who have run the award for many years. The following is the support offered to all pupils on the award.

- We will commit to run sessions for our groups until 4.30pm for each timetabled session
- We will let groups know who is running their session and where to go when there are staff absences
- We will follow the Fulford behaviour system as if it were a lesson
- We will ask for no phones during sessions
- We will develop pupil's skills in First Aid, Navigation, Route Planning, Outdoor Cooking and other DofE skills to a level where the group will be able to pass the Assessed Expedition
- We will follow the calendar and planned activities so all groups have a consistent experience of DofE
- We will enforce the importance of looking after kit borrowed from school
- We will support our groups finding a suitable activity and assessor for each section
- We will support our groups using EDofE and has had their activities checked before starting
- We will support our groups finding a suitable assessor
- We will support our groups to upload evidence on EDofE during their placements
- We will use our supervisor training and first aid knowledge to look after all pupils on the expeditions
- We will loan expensive kit such as tents, cooking stoves and rucksacks and specific equipment such as maps, compasses and survival bags if required
- Those who are assessors will assess groups fairly