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Dear Parents

Ref: Duke of Edinburgh Scheme

Your son/daughter/ward has shown an interest in joining the **Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme** and taking part in the Bronze Award.

A Duke of Edinburgh's Award can give young people a real head start in life. It is a highly regarded programme which benefits young people in many ways, especially when they see it through to the end. In all cases the Award can fit in with school or college work as well as the participant's social and home life.

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award is widely recognised by employers and people involved in education. Some of the benefits to young people include:

- Developing **self-confidence** and **self-reliance**.
- Gaining a sense of achievement and a sense of **responsibility**.
- Discovering new **skills**, interests and talents.
- Developing **leadership** skills and abilities.

If the participant is already a member of a club or association such as the Scouts, Girlguiding, etc, such activities can be undertaken with that organisation and also count towards their award scheme. They can also discover exciting opportunities; make new friends; experience **teamwork**, **problem-solving** and **decision-making**; increase their motivation; enhance their **self-esteem** and develop their **communication** skills. They will also, of course, have **fun**!

The Government has recognised that the Award has a valuable role to play within a young person's personal development. For example, an Award can provide an excellent stepping-stone towards employment, and the participant's chosen activities may help in the selection of a suitable career path.

There will be an initial cost of £ 22.00, which will cover the cost of the Award Booklet and the associated administration. During the course of the year, there will be extra expenditure per expedition to cover the cost of transport and accommodation, etc and typically costs about £40 per expedition depending on where the expedition is held. Price will be confirmed closer to the expedition dates. If interested please read the attached information and complete the attached application form. There is also a kit list attached which will give you an idea of the type of equipment necessary for the expeditions. The school supplies tents, stoves, cook pots and gas.

Please return to me along with a cheque for £22.00 made payable to Imberhorne School. If you have any questions please contact me through the school.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Jane Short
Award Leader

