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DofE Manager

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Dear Chair of the PTA,

I'm writing to ask you for some help with funding new equipment for the camp store. Recently while out on expedition the Assessor who assessed our teams commented on how the tents we were using were not up to a correct standard and not really appropriate for use by young people. We are therefore asking for some help to fund new tents.

The DofE Award has a link to the JD Partnership and they will do us a good deal on getting some new tents. I emailed for a couple of quotes and Blacks came back as the cheapest option, therefore we are asking for £780 to buy 10 Vango Scafell tents.

As part of the training for teams to take part in their DofE Award they are required to learn about tents and we will be teaching them tent care to ensure that the purchase of these new tents is sustainable and can last for many years to come. We are also hoping that if the Bronze teams have an enjoyable, warm and dry experience then next year we will have some students who are keen to progress onto their Silver Award. This will mean more use of the new tents.

The DofE Award teaches our young people invaluable skills and opens up opportunities that many of our students don't get out of school. The majority of young people involved live in an area of significant deprivation (IMD 1 and 2) and don't have the financial resources to purchase their own equipment. We hope that you will be able to help us develop the DofE Award in the school further, allowing more young people access to the Award.

We have good links to the local newspaper and so we will write a report about the help that you gave us towards purchasing these tents, as well as sharing it on the school's twitter page. Every year we hold a presentation evening and so we will publicly thank you at this event. If you would like to run a cake and drinks stall at this event then this may be an opportunity for you to make back some of the funds that you put towards helping us purchase the tents.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter, we hope to hear from you soon.

Kind Regards,

DofE Manager