



Delivering DofE under tighter lockdown restrictions

The health of everyone involved with the DofE is the most important thing to us, so Licensed Organisations should feel comfortable taking their own additional measures at this time.

We'll make sure that we use all the flexibility inherent in the DofE so young people can continue doing their programmes and have the opportunity to achieve their Awards.

Should I enrol a new cohort this year?

It's more important than ever to provide the opportunity for young people to take part in DofE. DofE helps young people build resilience, confidence and self-esteem, which will help them get through this crisis and get ahead in life.

It gives them structure and purpose now, safely introducing them to new experiences so they can develop and grow and, in the future, achieve an Award that has currency in a difficult jobs market.

A DofE programme also provides structure for young people who need to self-isolate.

The **DofE Certificate of Achievement** was introduced this summer to recognise the commitment of participants who've completed their Skills, Volunteering and Physical sections, but simply can't do their expedition and/or residential right now.

How can young people do their DofE from home?

There are lots of **skills, volunteering and physical activities** young people can do at home or whilst social distancing. Participants can upload evidence of their activities, such as activity logs, photos and screenshots, to eDofE so that you can check their progress. You can also use eDofE to easily communicate with your groups.

How do I communicate with my participants and their parents/carers?

We've created **delivery** and **recruitment** toolkits with lots of resources and templates to make it as easy as possible to recruit a new cohort of young people this year and support them through their DofE. Go paperless with our digital enrolment forms, letters, programme planners and activity logs.

You can use platforms such as Teams, Google Classroom or Zoom to deliver sessions with participants. Make use of our click and play recruitment films and get familiar with our range of **temporary changes**.

<p>What should I do for the Expedition section?</p>	<p>We've made a number of temporary rule changes to the Expedition section. These include a range of flexibilities, as well as a model for running expeditions in a restricted outdoor space such as school or youth group grounds, and guidance on delivering expeditions in urban areas. Don't forget – participants can still prepare for their expedition using our online resources and eMapping.</p>
<p>How do I keep my adult volunteers engaged?</p>	<p>For a limited time, we're offering funded online training for adults running DofE in Licensed Organisations. Upskill potential volunteers through the online Introduction to the DofE, Expedition Assessor Accreditation Scheme or Award Verifier courses, at no cost to your organisation. This opportunity is part of our new DofE Resilience Fund, designed to help disadvantaged young people access DofE this year.</p> <p>Volunteers can also support current and previous cohorts of young people through eDofE, including responding to queries, approving evidence and encouraging participants to complete their sections.</p>
<p>What support is the DofE offering?</p>	<p>We want to help you fit DofE delivery into your day – we know how much extra demand you have on your time. Our Operations Teams are on hand to offer as much practical support as possible, including presenting at online assemblies and parents'/carers' evenings and providing eDofE support. Our phone lines are open as normal, so please do get in touch.</p>

Two DofE Leaders share their top tips for supporting participants remotely:

- [Bourne Grammar School](#) hosted an information evening over Zoom.
- [Bedford Modern School](#) is delivering training to participants over Teams.

Further information and support

- Guidance for centres in England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland will vary. You must follow the restrictions in place in the country you intend to visit.
- If you are delivering the DofE in England, the [Department for Education](#) has issued guidance and the [National Youth Agency](#) has published information for managing youth sector activities
- If you are delivering the DofE in Scotland, please review the guidance issued by the [Scottish Government](#), [Youth Scotland](#) and/or [Youth Link Scotland](#), as appropriate.
- If you are delivering the DofE in Wales, please review the guidance issued by the [Welsh Government](#).
- If you are delivering the DofE in Northern Ireland, please review the guidance issued by [EANI](#) and the [recovery plan](#) outlined by the NI Executive, as well as information on [outdoor recreation](#).
- You may also wish to review advice published by the [OEAP](#) (England, Wales and Northern Ireland) or by [SAPOE](#) (Scotland) on the implications of COVID-19 for educational visits.