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Dear Parent / Carer

## The Junior Duke Award 'A life skills award for all children'

To encourage independence, confidence, resilience and self-motivation, our school is running an Award Scheme called the Junior Duke Award.

Junior Duke is an inclusive award scheme where children can complete fun and stimulating challenges which develop important life skills. Each child chooses seven out of the ten challenges to complete including making a sandwich, washing a car or climbing a hill carrying their own rucksack. Once a challenge has been completed, many of them require a teacher to assess them. When a child completes their seven selected tasks, at the nearest possible assembly, he or she is awarded a certificate and badge.

**Year 4**, **Year 5** and **Year 6** children will be given the opportunity to sign up in September and their booklets will arrive early October, they then have until the end of the summer term to work their way through it. However, if your child's booklet remains incomplete by the end of the school year, he or she may carry it on into the next year. The children will be given some of the necessary skills in school, but most of the challenges will require a good deal of time and effort out with school with friends and family.

We are very excited to be running the Junior Duke Award and would like to encourage all of our children to take part. This year, school will be funding the scheme so it is completely free to participate!

If your child would like to take part, please would you complete the survey on School Spider, by next Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> September.

Yours sincerely,

Miss B Hunter Personal Development Lead











