Dear Parents and Participants, 8th January 2016

            One of the aims of the expedition section is to provide your son/daughter with a remote experience away from the stresses and pressures of everyday life and to help them to realise the importance of self-reliance and good teamwork.

A few years ago we noticed an increase in the number of participants using their own phones on expeditions; both to stay in touch with friends and family and to use as a navigation tool. As a group of leaders we spent time discussing this issue and decided that for all expeditions participants would be told to leave their phones at home, therefore falling into line with most other DofE groups in the country.

Should you wish to contact your child during their expedition we will issue you with the number of the level leader who will pass you onto your child.

We also issue each team with two DofE mobile phones of differing networks for added coverage that can be used in case of an emergency.

            We hope that you understand why we do this and will support the policy. Participants need to know that if they ignore this rule their expedition and therefore their Award will be in severe jeopardy.

Kind regards,

Mark Carpmail and Karen Harris

(The Leadership Team)