

MOBILE PHONE POLICY TIMPERLEY DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD CENTRE

To ensure a common understanding of the use of mobile phones:

During Training

Mobile phones are not to be used and will generally be handed in at the start of the session and returned at the end.

On Expeditions

We don't want the young people to be glued to their phones over the weekend – one of the objectives of the DofE expedition is that they appreciate the countryside without the distractions of modern life. We do, however, see mobile phones as having legitimate use for two purposes:

- a) for taking photos & or videos associated with the objectives of the expedition - the preference here is that a digital camera but it may be easier to nominate one member of the group who uses their phone for this purpose
- b) as a last resort emergency device – the young people will be briefed on the use of the OS Locate app (icon below) which is free of charge and identifies their location - it can be used to send a text with their location in an absolute emergency.



Mobile phones may be carried but buried at the bottom of the rucksack. By allowing the young people to carry phones it provides us with the resilience that if they have phones on different networks it will mean there is a greater chance of network coverage and combined battery life.

If the young people are observed using their phones for any purpose other than the above they will be confiscated for the duration of the expedition.