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Dear parent,

As I'm sure you are already aware, the Scout Association operates a home contact system for all nights away. This system retains its importance and relevance for international nights away.

In a nutshell, the home contact system in no way discourages you from maintaining contact with your child during the trip, but asks you, in certain circumstances, to follow a very strict procedure. In cases of any emergency either in the family at home, or within the group abroad, it is important that the information follow a specific chain of communication. It could cause unnecessary panic and hasty decisions if this is not done.

Part of the purpose behind the website is to keep everybody involved in the expedition, even whilst we are in country. From research that we have done there should be various opportunities both in Switzerland and in Italy to maintain the blog section of the website, allowing you to follow our progress.

Our home contact for the trip is Derek Wild (District Explorer Scout Commissioner).

If you wish to contact Derek for updates, or in order to relay information to the team, please do so using the following information:

Home telephone:	(01535) 654 644
Mobile telephone:	07515 784 172
Work telephone:	(01422) 324 193
e-mail address:	explorer@keighleyscouts.org.uk

We will pass Derek the contact information that you have provided on the health and consent form for your child. If you have any other means of contact which you wish for Derek to be aware of, please inform either Becka or myself.

If you have any questions regarding the home contact system or any other area of the expedition, please feel free to contact me on the above information.

Yours in Scouting,

Joseph Gallucci

