



Returning to Scouting Frequently Asked Questions

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Starting back

We have missed seeing all of our Beavers/Cubs/Scouts and we've missed doing great activities with them that provide fun and #SkillsForLife.

At present, Scouting in the North East is at 'red' as a result of the Aberdeen lockdown which means that face to face Scouting can't yet start. However, we are hopeful that the lockdown lifts soon and that Scouting is given the go ahead locally to move to 'amber'.

Under 'amber' we can start beavers face to face, meeting outdoors only, with a maximum group size of 15 people including leaders.

Our leaders have been busy preparing programmes for the next term which adhere to the current restrictions however we understand that parents will have questions.

We hope that this document will help answer the many questions you may have. If you do need further information please email Chris Pinnell, Group Scout Leader at Westhill@gordondistrictscouts.org.uk



FAQs

As at 20 August 2020

SOCIAL DISTANCING

Like school, Beavers and Cubs will obviously be able to mix with the other youngsters in their group however children are to stay 2m away from leaders. We will do our best to ensure that all Beavers and Cubs stick to this rule but it would be a big help if you could remind your child of this.

WHAT IF MY CHILD IS UPSET OR HURT?

If your child is upset then we will look to comfort them whilst maintaining social distancing or get assistance from their friends to help reassure them. Safety is a top priority so should any child require first aid then the leaders will put on a mask and gloves and attend to your child immediately.

WHAT IF I AM NOT COMFORTABLE TO LET MY CHILD RETURN, DOES THAT MEAN THAT THEY NEED TO LEAVE / LOSE THEIR PLACE

We understand that not everyone may wish to allow their child to return to Scouting. We do not wish any parent to feel that they have to send their child to Beavers/Cubs/Scouts. If you would prefer to not send your child initially then please speak to any of the leaders. We will hold their place till October and we can then review the situation.

RISK ASSESSMENTS & CLEANING

We have produced detailed risk assessments for our face to face activities and the Westhill Scout Group has a specific COVID19 risk assessment. The risk assessments have been approved by the Chair of Westhill Scout Group and Westhill Group Scout Leader. The risk assessment will then be sent to the Gordon District Scout Commissioner for additional approval. If you wish to read these documents please email Chris our Group Scout Leader on Westhill@gordondistrictscouts.org.uk

The Scout Hut and toilets have undergone a professional deep clean and are being professionally cleaned up to five times a week as the playgroup are back. Any equipment used by youngsters e.g. balls, scissors, pens will have been cleaned and left for 72 hours prior to our use. Items will then be re-cleaned after our use and set aside for 72 hours before being used by any other children.

Items used such as pens and scissors will also not be shared between children.

We will arrange that hand touch points, like taps and handles in the toilets, are wiped down regularly.

HAND WASHING

Youngsters and leaders will wash hands at the start of the session, at various points during the session depending on the activity and then a final hand wash will be done before the session finishes.

WHAT SHOULD MY CHILD WEAR AND BRING?

Our scouting programmes will be outdoors ONLY so youngsters should wear their uniform plus appropriate coats and footwear etc for activities outside when the weather may be damp and chilly.

Although we can use the toilet facilities if required, it would make things easier if children could go to the toilet before coming to Beavers/Cubs/Scouts. Also, youngsters should bring a named water bottle as we will be unable to provide water in cups at this time.

WHAT ARE THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR DROP OFF / COLLECTION

As we will be using the outdoor area around the Scout Hut we are asking parents NOT to drive into the car park but instead to park on nearby streets. Children should then be walked to the car park area.

Parents are reminded to be mindful of social distancing between themselves and leaders.

If/when scouting moves to indoors then we may introduce one door for drop off and a different door for collection due to avoid congestion with any other hall users e.g. dancers. We will let you know if/when this happens.

I WOULD LIKE FURTHER INFORMATION

If you would like to discuss your child returning to Scouting or any of the points above, please speak to one of the leaders. If your child might need some further support, perhaps related to shielding or their wellbeing please let us know.

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