

1st October 2020

Dear Parents

Safely resuming face-to-face Scouts indoors & outdoors

I'm so excited to let you know that we're now able to restart running indoor and outdoor face-to-face at 22nd Odiham in early November, Beavers will start on Tuesday 3rd November. As with other things that are restarting, there'll be some restrictions on what we do and how we do it, and we're going to need your help. This letter will let you know the steps we've taken to make sure we keep everyone safe.

Firstly, anyone with COVID-19 symptoms, or who has been in contact with anyone who has COVID-19 symptoms (within the last two weeks), shouldn't come to any face-to-face activities, and should follow government guidelines on self-isolation and testing.

Secondly, young people who are shielding or are in another vulnerable group might not be able to return to face-to-face activities at this stage. If your child's shielding or in another vulnerable group, please contact us directly so we can chat through some options.

We're also aware some young people, including young people with additional needs, might need new or different reasonable adjustments putting in place to support a return to face-to-face Scouts – again, we're happy to discuss this with you.

I'd also like to let you know some of the updates to our arrangements for making sure all our activities will be COVID-19 safe. Note that until further notice, no parents will be allowed inside the Den building (except helping adults).

Arrival and departure arrangements

- Tuesdays, 4.30pm to 5.30pm
- Beavers to enter through the Fire Doors (right hand end of building)
- Parents to take Beavers coats etc. back home
- Beavers will be brought to the same door at the end for you to collect
- We ask parents to respect social distancing whilst waiting outside on the road
- If you wish to speak to me, please message or call before or after the meeting.

Hand sanitisation, hygiene and personal protective equipment

- Beavers will be asked to use the hand gel provided at the door on entry and exit from the Den
- We cannot provide drinks – please bring a named water bottle as before
- All adults will be wearing face coverings (Beavers are not required to do so).

Social distancing

- Within the Den, all adults will be distancing 2m from the Beavers at all times (with the exception of a medical emergency).

Other measures in place

- The Dens have been fully cleaned and adapted to ensure hygiene and social distancing is maintained
- Toilets – the toilets are cleaned and in use, although now only one Beaver may use the toilets at once (Please remind your Beaver to wash their hands with soap after using the toilet)
- All equipment has been checked and cleaned. Any equipment used during our meetings will not be shared and cleaned after each use
- We still require a Helping Parent at each meeting – you will be required to wear a face covering and abide by the hygiene measures in place.

To ensure everyone's safety, after each meeting we need to clean the touch points within the Den and toilets ready for the next session. We have an approved checklist, cleaning equipment and PPE, all we need now is a rota of parents willing to give an extra 10-15 minutes of their time after the meeting to get this last job done. More information will follow, but without this we cannot re-open.

Permission to attend

We need to confirm that your contact details are still correct so please complete the attached *Member Registration Form* and return it to me by email or post through Skip's door.

Finally, we're required to keep a register of those attending. Previously we always kept a register of course, but we are now obliged to add any adult leaders to it. If you develop symptoms or are contacted by Test & Trace, I am the point of contact for that information.

We're all looking forward to getting Scouting activities back up and running again, so we can gain more skills and have more fun together. Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions or concerns.

Look forward to (socially distanced) seeing you soon!

Kind regards

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