

Returning to face-to-face Scouting

What to expect when you help at Beavers, Cubs or Scouts

Thank you for agreeing to help us make this work. We are sure you understand the importance of allowing your people to meet safely with their peers during this time. On behalf of the group, the young people and their parents thank you for giving up your time and energy.

We are excited to be back together again, but to keep you, the young people, your family and our leaders and helpers safe, we must do some things differently.

I am confident the measures we are taking minimise the risk from COVID-19 to acceptably low levels, but only if we all stick to and enforce them. So, please read this document carefully. We are all responsible to ensure that our return is safe, fun and engaging.

If you have any concerns or questions, please contact your section leader.

If anyone has COVID-19 symptoms

If you, anyone you live with, or anyone you have been close to in the last week has a cough, high temperature, has lost their sense of smell or taste or has had a positive COVID-19 test then please stay at home.

Please let us know as soon as possible.

Please make sure we have your up-to-date details

If we haven't done so already, we will add a record for you in OSM. This is so we can record attendance for both young people and adults.

Please make sure all details in OSM are complete and correct. Let us know if you are allergic to any hand-washing products.

You will not be able to attend unless you have checked and confirmed that the details we hold are correct.

Arrival

Please arrive on at least 10 minutes before the start of the session. We need all the adults to be present before the young people arrive.

Do not lift-share with anyone else (except your family). We know this may cause some inconvenience, but safety is our primary concern. Distancing is one of our main control measures.

If possible, please walk to the hut.

If you do have to drive, do not park by the compound. We will be using that space as a waiting area for parents at pick-up.

Indoor Usage

From 12 April 2021, indoor usage is allowed but outdoors activities will remain the preference for the moment.

Any indoor activities should be designed to maintain spacing, minimise rapid movement and avoid raised voices. There should also be expanded consideration for cleaning touch-points (door handles, pegs, benches/storage)

Scouts and Explorers will need to wear face coverings indoors.

Departure

You can leave immediately after all the young people have left. Make sure you wash your hands.

Please leave the area straight away.

Remember to walk on the left in the lane and make sure you keep at least 2m from everyone.

Personal belongings

You can bring a water bottle and additional clothing as necessary for the weather (hat, coat, gloves, etc).

You may not have access to the coat racks, so you will need to keep your belongings with you. A rucksack would be a good way to keep everything together

Basic hygiene measures

You need to make sure you wash your hands regularly, and that you catch any sneezes and bin any tissues.

Please make sure you have washed your hands before leaving home.

You will need to wash your hands on arrival, on departure, and before and after any activities. Please make sure any young people you are supervising have done the same.

Please make sure you are not wearing the same clothes that you have worn all day. You should wear your uniform (if you have it, if not then a change of shirt/jumper) and different trousers.

Distancing

Unless there is an immediate safety issue, you need to keep at least 2m away from everyone else during the meeting.

Please remind the young people (and adults) to maintain distancing during activities. They will probably forget, so just continue to remind them

If you believe it is necessary to move an activity to maintain distancing, then please do so.

If we are out of the compound and encounter members of the public, politely ask them to help maintain distancing.

If any young person hugs or otherwise come into physical contact with you (this is more likely to be an issue with younger age groups), do not hug back and do not drop to their height. Remind them about distancing.

Shielding

If you or anyone else in your household is shielding, you may choose not to attend. If you are in this situation and you are thinking attending, please feel free to discuss this with us.

What happens if someone gets ill

If you start to feel ill at any point during the meeting, please tell the section leader immediately.

If you develop COVID-19 symptoms within 7 days of the session, let us know as soon as possible.

In either case, please arrange to be tested and let us know the result once you have it.

If any young person tells you that they feel ill at any point during the meeting, please tell the section leader immediately.

If anyone tests positive for COVID-19 we will inform you about this and follow any advice from Tack and Trace

Track and trace

If requested, we will pass on details of all those present at the session to Track and Trace.

The programme

We will still prefer to meet outdoors, so please make sure you are wearing appropriate clothing so you won't feel too cold/hot and can stay dry.

Any equipment that we use should be easy to clean and disinfect. If you see any equipment being used that is not easy to clean or disinfect please inform the section leader.

Toilets

Please make sure you have gone to the toilet before coming to the meeting.

The toilets are the only inside facilities we will be using. The toilets need to be carefully managed to maintain distancing, so we want to use them as little as possible.

If any young person needs to use the toilet during the meeting, we will need to accompany them into the building. Wait in the small hall while they use the toilet.

Once they have finished send them back out. You will need to quickly spray and wipe down the main touchpoints in the toilet: door handles, locks, and taps. Cleaning equipment will be available at the toilets.

Session plan

You will be sent an outline of the session plan in advance, and will be briefed before the session. Please feel free to ask whatever questions you may have if the plan is not clear.

The session plan will contain an appropriate risk assessment.

What to do with any waste

All waste should be binned, including used paper towels from the washing stations and toilets. This will be removed at the end of the session

Used PPE and potentially infected waste should be bagged in separately coloured (yellow) bin liners.