

Returning to face-to-face Scouting

What to expect when your child returns to Beavers, Cubs or Scouts

We are excited to be back together again, but to keep your child, other children, your families and our leaders and helpers safe, we must do some things differently.

We are confident that 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 or the GSL.

If anyone has Covid-19 symptoms

If your child, 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 keep your child at home and do not bring them to any face-to-face meetings.

Please let us know as soon as possible.

Shielding

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

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

Please make sure all details in OSM are complete and correct. In particular, please let us know if your child is allergic to any hand-washing or cleaning products.

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

Your section leader may also choose to use OSM events to manage attendance and/or to verify they you have read any important communications. Failure to respond may mean your child will need to be excluded from some activities.

Small groups

Although we no longer need to meet in batches, we will try to organise activities in small groups. Where possible, we will do this taking into consideration other bubbles your child might be a member of, in particular their school. Please make sure these details are current in OSM.

Before you leave home

Please make sure your child has gone to the toilet. 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.

Immediately before you leave home, send your child to the toilet one last time, and make sure they have washed their hands.

Drop off

Please arrive on time but no earlier than 5 minutes before the start of the session.

Do not lift-share with other parents. We know this may cause some inconvenience, but safety is our primary concern. Distancing is one of the main COVID-19 control measures.

If possible, please walk to the hut.

Please bring your child directly to the hut, and avoid any detours via the play area or the woods.

Only one parent should come to drop-off. We want to minimise the number of people in the area.

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

You will need to drop off your child at the gate, where they will be met by a Leader. We will register your child there, and then send them to the hand-washing station.

Please leave immediately to avoid any crowding at the gate.

Pick up

Please arrive on time.

Do not lift-share with other parents, and if possible, please walk to the hut.

Only one parent should come to pick-up.

Please wait outside the compound in the area to the right of the gate. Signs will indicate the waiting area. Make sure you keep at least 2m from everyone.

We will bring the children out one-by-one, via the hand-washing station. Once we have handed over your child, 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

Your child can bring a water bottle and additional clothing as necessary for the weather (hat, coat, gloves, etc). They may not have access to the coat racks and will need to keep their belongings with them, so a rucksack would be a good way to keep everything together

Please make sure everything is clearly named.

Basic hygiene measures

Please make sure your child has washed their hands before leaving home.

Please make sure your child is not wearing the same clothes that they have worn all day. They should wear their uniform and different trousers.

What happens if someone gets ill

We will call you if your child becomes ill during the meeting. Please come and collect them immediately. Wait at gate to the compound and we will bring your child to you.

If your child develops Covid-19 symptoms within 7 days of the session, let us know immediately.

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

If anyone in the section tests positive for Covid-19, we will inform you about this and will follow the advice of Track and Trace.

Track and trace

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

Dress for the weather

Wherever possible, we will meet outdoors. Please check the weather forecast. If the weather is too poor, we may cancel the meeting, but otherwise make sure your child is wearing appropriate clothing so they won't feel too cold/hot and can stay dry.

First Aid

If your child takes medicine regularly, please make sure this is taken before coming to the meeting where appropriate.

If they use medicines that can be self-administered (an inhaler, for example) please make sure they can use it themselves.

If there are medicines that can only be administered by an adult, please discuss this with us before bringing your child to any session.

For any basic first aid, such as small plasters, we will encourage and provide guidance for your child to treat the incident themselves. If adult intervention is required, we will use appropriate PPE for both the child and adult.

If any prolonged treatment is required, we will call you to request your assistance.

If you need to speak to us

Managing the arrival and departure and ensuring the hut is secure and clean will take most of our time before and after sessions, so it may not be possible for us to talk to parents at that time. If you need to discuss anything, send an email to your Leader and we will arrange something suitable

Adult leadership and help

Managing distancing and other control measures takes time and effort. If you can help at any session, please let your Leader know

Cash Payments

At present, we will not be taking cash payments for items like t-shirts. We can provide you details to make a bank transfer if needed.