



# Scouts

109th Leicester  
(Countesthorpe)

## **PROJECT RESTART: Bringing everybody back together safely**

**A guide for our Young People and parents**



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## Introduction for our young people

**Great news! Our meetings are starting up again!!** It feels like forever since we were all able to meet together face to face, and we're all really excited to be able to restart Beavers, Cubs and Scouts meetings again. Life is very different to a few months ago, and as with everything, our Group and our meetings have had to change a little bit too. **This booklet will tell you all you need to know about how our restart will work, explain some important new things you need to be aware of and answer some of your questions.**

Huge thanks to everybody that filled out our survey and told us your ideas, thoughts and concerns. We've put all of the results from leaders, parents/carers and our young people together to help us make this plan. You can read about those surveys in detail and what we'll be doing later on. We'll also look at really important changes to the start and end of meetings, what will happen during meetings, what will happen if someone is unwell and answer some of the questions we've been asked the most.

**Some of you said in your surveys that you were worried our meetings won't be the same as before; (27% of young people and 22% of leaders).** Unfortunately, while the virus is still around us, lots of things will feel a little bit different. But in Scouting, we're always ready to change and adapt. We've shown that over the last few months – by earning badges, doing camps from home, and meeting on Zoom. **Half of you said the best part of coming to meetings was doing adventurous activities, and having loads of fun with our friends.** The brilliant news is that our meetings will include as much adventure and excitement as possible – and most importantly, we will get a chance to come together again for lots of fun. Many of you said that earning badges was the best thing – and as always we'll be working towards badges in our face to face meetings.

**So the meetings might look a bit different, we may have to stay apart from each other and meet in small groups – but the most important parts will still be the same.** All of your leaders are working really hard to make our sessions fun and exciting – but we need your help too! If you have ideas of things we can be doing – please let us know! We're all learning about our 'new normal' and things may not work as well as we want them to straightaway. But we'll be trying some exciting new things and together we will find out what works best.

**We'll still be doing some of our Virtual Programme too, so if you don't want to come back to meetings yet, that's absolutely fine – there's still lots of things you can be getting involved in.** And if we all support each other and keep going, eventually, we WILL get back to all the things we used to enjoy. We will go on camp, we will go on trips and we will have a Panto (Oh yes we will!!!). We might have to wait a little bit longer – but for now, there's loads to try in our Amber stage meetings outdoors. If you have any questions, please ask your Section Leader, or me – there's no such thing as a silly question!

Can't wait to see you all! **Jack**

## Introduction for parents /carers

We're really excited to reopen and be able to restart our exciting programme. **Over half of you said that new opportunities and adventure was the best part of Scouting for your child in our recent survey. Providing this will be a key part of our programme as we restart aiming to keep things as normal as possible. Our meetings will follow very different 'rules' and plans to those you will be used to at school or other clubs. It's really important we all understand these differences and I hope this booklet will help!**

Of course, Covid has changed many of the ways we live our lives – and we have made the changes you would expect, in order to make our meetings as safe and enjoyable as possible. I have aimed to summarise these in a child friendly format in this booklet, but **you can view these in more detail in our Risk Assessments, which have been approved by Section Leaders, myself, the Group Executive Committee and a District Approval panel. Our amazing volunteers have also spent many hours over the last few weeks preparing our hut and making significant changes to make the building Covid secure for the Amber phase.** Huge thanks to all those involved.

Thankyou to all of you who replied to our survey – this has helped us to form our plans. **The most common concerns were exposure to Covid-19, social distancing measures not being followed correctly and your child being anxious to rejoin us.** I hope in this booklet, along with our video, risk assessment and Zoom Q+A, we will show you how seriously we are taking these concerns and the robust plans we have in place. Nothing is without risk – and we are very used to managing risk in all of our activities. We are however very confident that we are doing everything that we can to minimise this. If you think there's more we can do, or that our plans are not working, we really welcome your comments. Please get in touch with your Section Leader or myself (outside of meeting times please) and we will be happy to take your ideas on board.

**This of course relies on everybody's support to make it all possible. I know you will support us in explaining these processes to your child, and making sure we all follow them.** Some things will take a bit more time, be a bit annoying, or seem a bit bizarre – but they are all there to keep us safe! Please bear with our leaders as we adapt – we are all learning together!

**Some of you will prefer not to send their child back to meetings just yet** – we completely understand this and are committed to still providing a Virtual programme where we can for your child to be part of. Your Section Leaders will advise how this will work as we go forward – everyone should only come back to meetings when they are ready, no one will lose a place if they don't feel comfortable to restart yet.

**Your surveys showed an overwhelming confidence in our Group's ability to restart meetings safely at the earliest possible opportunity.** Thankyou – we take that trust very seriously as always and look forward to welcoming you and your child back to meetings.

See you soon! **Jack** [jack.barber@countesthorpescouts.org.uk](mailto:jack.barber@countesthorpescouts.org.uk)



**Whenever you are at Beavers, Cubs or Scouts from now on – always remember to:  
LOOK ABOUT, STOP AND SCOUT!**

**If we all repeat this slogan to ourselves and others, we can stay socially distanced and keep each other safe.**

## **LOOK ABOUT:**

- **Is anybody close to you that isn't in your household/support bubble?**
- **If you move into a new area, will you be able to stay 2m apart from everyone else?**
- **Can you see others who aren't 2 metres apart? Shout the slogan if you can!**

## **STOP:**

- **Before you move to an activity – is there space to move safely?**
- **Do you need to sanitise your hands?**
- **Do you need to touch something, or stand so close, or can it be done differently?**
- **Think before you act!**

## **SCOUT!:**

- **If we all follow this slogan, we can all come back to meetings and do the things we enjoy. Let's keep Scouting safely!**

## Survey results

**Thankyou to everybody who took part in our Young people / parent + carer / Leader and Young Leader surveys. Here are the main results and what we will be doing in response. You can also find some of the answers to your questions in the FAQ section of the booklet.**

### Respondents:

18 leaders and 1 Young Leader replied to our Leader/Young Leader survey.

30 people responded to our parent/carer survey with good representation from all Sections.

30 Young people responded to our young person survey with good representation from all Sections.

### Virtual Scouting (Emailing badges done at home / Zoom meetings):

77% of young people said they had taken part in some of our Virtual activities, with 96% of those saying they will take part in future ones.

83% of leaders said they have taken part in some of our Virtual activities.

97% of young people and 94.4% of leaders answered 'yes' or 'maybe' when asked if they would take part in both face to face and Virtual activities in the Amber and Yellow stage.

**Answer: As there is strong support, we will continue to run a Virtual programme as we restart face to face meetings – to help make sure we involve those leaders and young people who don't want to return initially and help boost our programme.**

Some of those who haven't taken part in Virtual Scouting didn't want to take part, didn't have time, or 1 person said they did not know they were happening. Several leaders said they did not have time or access to a computer.

**Answer: We recognise that Virtual meetings are not for all of us, and hope our combined approach over the next few months will provide something everyone can enjoy. We will do all that we can to make sure everyone knows what is going on through email and our Facebook page, and are taking steps to improve our communication by moving onto a new system which will help coordinate this for the Group.**

### Worries about returning to face to face meetings:

47% of parents/carers, 43% of young people and 13% of leaders reported no concerns, with comments including 'I know you will do everything you can to keep them all as safe as possible', 'we trust you' and 'I know you will' (follow guidelines)

**Answer: Thankyou, we can't wait to welcome you back!**

Many though, did have very valid concerns: 27% of young people, 17% of parents/carers and 50% of leaders said they were concerned about catching Covid-19 – though many of these recognised that this risk also exists in many other aspects of life currently. 25% of parents/carers said they were concerned that social distancing measures wouldn't be followed correctly.

**Answer: The risk of catching Covid-19 is one none of us can prevent completely, however we are confident we are taking all the steps we can to minimise this, including strict policies on social distancing which you can see later in this booklet.**

27% of young people, 7% of parents/carer and 10% of leaders had worries about 'it not being the same as before' or 'not enjoying it anymore'.

**Answer: Nothing is quite as we used to know it right now, but we are working hard to make sure that while some things look different, the parts we all enjoy the most will remain the same. And most importantly, we will all be together again to have fun!**

A small number of young people and parents/carers were worried about moving up into Cubs/Scouts or friends having moved up.

**Answer: This is really normal – most people are worried about this even before Covid. But there will be loads of great leaders to support you and we're sure you'll love it when you get there.**

#### **Activities:**

**Thankyou for all your great activity ideas, we will be sure to do as many of these as we can over the next few months. Keep telling your leaders if you can think of any more!**

70% of young people, 87% of parents and 47% of leaders were happy to do all activities. However 20% of young people were concerned about playing various games, a small number of young people and parent/carers were concerned about cooking/eating activities and a small number in each survey were concerned about activities that made social distancing difficult. 1 Leader didn't want to do snail watching! (Can you guess who?!)

**Answer: All of our games and activities will be a little bit different for now – there won't be very much running around and we will ALWAYS have to make sure that we stay apart from each other, even during games. In the first meetings, there will be no activities involving food – if this changes over the next few months we will tell you first – but no one will have to do any activity if they don't want to (including watching snails!)**

#### **Venue:**

97% of parents/carers were happy for meetings to take place outside the hut, at a private open space or in a public area. 70% were happy for meetings to take place at Ullesthorpe campsite. Most leaders thought the hut and private outdoor spaces were suitable (72% and 77%), with less thinking public spaces or the campsite would work. (44% and 50%).

97% of parents were happy for meetings to take place at a venue without toilets. This was not asked in the leader questionnaire, but several were not comfortable meeting without toilets in conversations.

**Answer: We have worked hard to transform the outdoor area of our hut and make it safe to meet – our meetings will initially take place there for Beavers and Cubs. The Disabled toilet will be in use for meetings there. For Scouts, you will start with socially distanced hikes, looking at map and compass skills, ending at the hut. There will not be toilet**

facilities available to you during meetings. As we move through the Amber and Yellow stages, all Sections will look at meeting elsewhere in private open spaces or doing other activities – we will let you know before we do this.

#### **Groups:**

In the Amber stage, we will only be able to have a maximum of 15 people (including adults) at meetings, meaning whole Sections will not be able to meet at once. There will also be restrictions in the Yellow stage. 87% of young people, 94% of parents/carers and 94% of leaders felt we should make sure everyone comes to an equal amount of face to face meetings. (Rather than giving priority to younger / older members.)

**Answer: We will make sure as much as we can that everyone goes to the same amount of our core meetings. Occasionally, as in normal times, there may be additional opportunities available to those who are older and need to do specific things to complete their Bronze/Silver/Gold awards. This has always been the case and everyone will get that opportunity when they are the correct age!**

73% of young people wanted to be in a Group with their friends, 66% of leaders felt that groups should be based on Lodges/Sixes/Patrols, while parents/carers were almost evenly split between the 3 options. (3<sup>rd</sup> option was school years/classes)

**Answer: We will organise our groups based on your Lodges/Sixes/Patrols to keep things as normal as possible in terms of our Scouting programme. However, we want you to be happy in the group you are in, so will make sure you are with some of your friends too!**

#### **Panto:**

67% of young people said they wanted to be in our Wizard of Oz show, with 17% answering 'maybe'.

**Answer: We'll get started as soon as we can!**

#### **At which stage will you come back to meetings?**

97% of young people want to return in Amber stage (with the remainder wanting to wait until Green).

94% of parents/carers were happy to send their child back to meetings in Amber stage (with the remainder wanting to wait until Green)

83% of leaders were happy to return to meetings in Amber stage, with 11% happy to return in Yellow stage and the remainder in Green.

**Answer: Its great so many of you are keen to come back as soon as possible, we can't wait to welcome you! It's also absolutely fine if you want to wait a bit longer – you can have as much time as you need. You can also change your mind whenever you want to – and come back earlier than you said, or stop coming if you become uncomfortable!**

**You can find the answers to all of your questions and comments in the FAQ Section. If you gave us your name, you should also have received a personal response answering the points you raised.**



## Preparing to come back to meetings:

### Before you can come back to Beavers / Cubs / Scouts, everybody must:

- Read through this booklet and watch the video!
- Update their personal details on our new database OSM to make sure these are **up to date**.
- Make sure you are **happy with all of our plans and understand them before sending written consent to take part in meetings to your Section Leader**.
- Wait to hear from your Section Leader **when your start date will be – We will not be able to have everybody at every meeting because of our 15 person limit. Some weeks will still be on Zoom and every Section will be different – make sure it is your week before attending!**

### When getting ready for the meeting:

- Make sure you are wearing your uniform, and have packed a coat and drink. **We will continue in the rain and we will not be providing drinks!**
- Do not bring anything else from home that is not absolutely essential, so that we can minimise the risk of infection. Anything you have to show for a badge can be done on Zoom or over email. Please do not bring toys or snacks.
- Do bring any **essential medication or inhalers** that you will need with you, and make sure your Section Leader knows you have this with you.
- If the weather is **really wet and could be unsafe**, look out for updates from your Section Leader as **meetings may have to be cancelled and moved to Zoom at late notice**.
- **If you feel in any way unwell, have any Covid – 19 symptoms or have been advised to self-isolate by a medical professional or NHS Track and Trace, please DO NOT come to the meeting. See more on what happens if someone is unwell on page 14.**



## Start and end of meetings

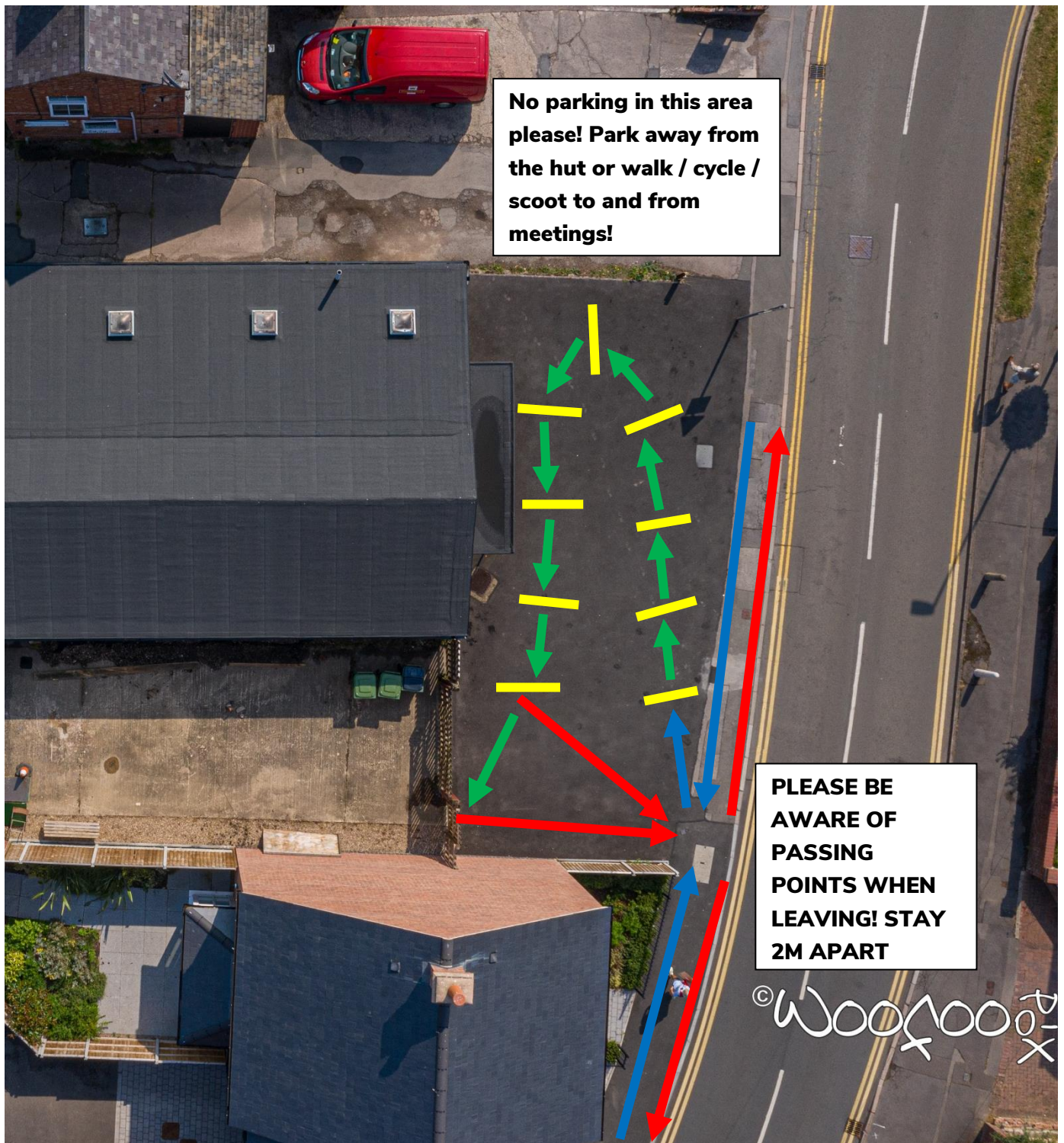
The start and end of meetings was an area that we identified as creating a higher risk of social distancing not happening properly. We have therefore put a plan in place to manage and limit this risk as much as we can. **Some of these plans will be inconvenient and take a little bit extra time, however we are sure that you will all support us in sticking to these to keep everybody safe.** We will keep the system under review and welcome comments on how we can improve this. Please see the diagram on the next page for more information.





**Please note: Scouts will not initially be dropping off at the hut while they are on hikes, but will need to use it for pick up at the end of meetings. When dropping off for hikes at the relevant venues, please follow the same rules and practise social distancing.**

- We encourage everybody to walk, cycle or scoot to meetings, to help avoid parking issues. We recognise this will not be possible to do in all circumstances, but ask that where you are travelling by car, you only travel with members of your own household or support bubble to minimise the risk of infection spread at this time.
- Everyone will be allocated time slots to drop off and pick up – as with schools and other clubs. Please stick to these as closely as you can!
- If travelling by car, please park away from the hut. The hut car park will now be closed to all vehicles, including leader's cars, until further notice. Please **DO NOT** park on Dine India's car park, or on the side of the road next to our hut. Please park a short distance away and walk the remainder of the way.
- When arriving at the hut, please follow our one way system and wait in households/support bubbles at the social distancing marks on the car park.
- Follow the roped off pathway until you are front of the queue. If talking to others at this time, please do so from a safe distance.
- Access for all young people will be through our new side gate **NOT** the front doors.
- **At the start of a meeting:** When you are at the front of the queue, the Beaver/Cub will be asked to step forward to a leader wearing a face visor and mask who will take their temperature with a non skin contact thermometer. Providing this reading is within normal range, they will walk through the gate and families will leave by turning left and exiting the car park straightaway (No loitering please!!)
- **At the end of a meeting:** Parents/carers will be asked again to wait at the socially distanced marks and when you reach the front of the queue, your child will be called. You can then all leave again by turning left and exiting the car park – again please make this process as quick as possible to avoid delays.
- Please do not have lengthy conversations with leaders, other families, or with each other during this pick up and drop off period. To keep to social distancing guidelines and make the process as quick as possible, please have these conversations away from the building or over the phone at another time.
- If a young person is making their own way home, please make your Section Leader aware before the meeting.
- **When exiting the hut – please be aware of others arriving and stay 2m apart!**

# Hut One way system:

Please follow at the start and end of meetings!



			
Arriving at the hut	Please wait here	Move forwards when able to	Exiting the hut



## During the meeting – what to expect and things to remember:

### Beavers and Cubs:

- We must stay apart from each other at all times – unless we live in the same house or are part of a ‘support bubble’. This may be different to the rules at school or elsewhere, but during our meetings we will always ‘socially distanced’.
- We are aiming to stay 2m apart. Imagine this as 2 big adult steps, or 3 of your biggest steps!
- Outside the hut, where we will be meeting, there will be lots of squares that are 2m long and 2m wide. You will be given a square at the start of the meeting, and will stay in this square for the opening/closing of the meeting, as well as for **some** activities and games.
- If everyone is in the middle of their square, we will all be 2m apart! If we are at the back of our squares, we will be 2m from the people either side of us and 4m from the person opposite us.
- You will be given a plastic box to keep in your square. Put your coat, drink and anything else inside this box during the meeting!
- **When we are moving around and doing activities, you must always be aware of others around you to make sure you are staying apart. Remember to ‘LOOK ABOUT, STOP, AND SCOUT!’**
- For some activities, we will work in small groups out of our squares – normally at either end of our outdoor area. This will mean moving to our new place carefully, sometimes in single file or one at a time.
- You will need to use hand sanitiser when you arrive, before you leave as well as before and after an activity where you need to touch any equipment.
- Please keep toilet visits to a minimum! Go before you come to a meeting, and only go if you really have to. We will only be using the Disabled toilet (the normal leader’s one.)
- You must wash your hands with soap whenever you have used the toilet or at other times if a leader asks you too. Count 20 elephants, or sing Happy Birthday to yourself twice!
- Make sure you keep your hands away from your face and don’t touch anything unless you absolutely have to. Remember **‘HANDS, FACE, SPACE!’**



## Scouts

- We must stay apart from each other at all times – unless you live in the same house or are part of a ‘support bubble’. This may be different to the rules at school or elsewhere, but during our meetings we will always ‘socially distanced’.
- We are aiming to stay 2m apart. Imagine this as 2 big steps made by the tallest Scout! You will walk in your Patrols, accompanied by a leader, and will all have your own map and compass to use.
- You will need to use hand sanitiser when you arrive, before you leave as well as before and after an activity where you need to touch any equipment you are sharing. A leader will hold open any gates, and you must use hand sanitiser after going over any stiles.
- Take appropriate footwear and clothing for the weather with you – you will not be able to borrow anything off someone else! You will have to carry anything you bring with you, such as a drink.
- When we are moving around and doing activities, you must always be aware of others around you to make sure you are staying apart. Remember to **‘LOOK ABOUT, STOP, AND SCOUT!’**
- There will be no toilet facilities while you are on your hike, so make sure you go before the meeting! (The meetings will be shorter than usual, only 1½ hours)
- Make sure you keep your hands away from your face and don’t touch anything unless you absolutely have to. Remember **‘HANDS, FACE, SPACE!’**





## What happens if someone is unwell?

- **If you feel in any way unwell, have any Covid – 19 symptoms or have been advised to self-isolate by a medical professional or NHS Track and Trace, please DO NOT come to the meeting.**
- **Even if you are unsure what your symptoms are, or just feel a bit under the weather, it is best to miss out on a session and be sure you are OK to keep yourself and others safe.**  
**IF IN DOUBT, STAY SAFE AND DROP OUT!**
- **If your temperature is outside the normal range when you arrive at a meeting, you will be asked not to stay at the meeting and we will recommend that you take medical advice. This does not mean you have Covid, your temperature could be high for lots of other reasons, but to be extra cautious, we will ask that you miss that meeting and come back when you're well.**
- **If you start to feel unwell during a meeting, or start to get any symptoms, you must tell a leader straightaway.** If a leader agrees that you are starting to show symptoms, they will ask you to stay away from others in an area that they will show you, and someone will be asked to pick you up. Remember, it doesn't mean you've caught Covid, you could be feeling ill for lots of other reasons. Any one of us could get ill, so there's no reason to be ashamed at all!
- **If you or a member of your household are confirmed to have a positive Covid-19 test, or are advised to self isolate, any time in the 2 weeks after attending a meeting, please tell your Section Leader or Jack as soon as possible.**
- **If a positive Covid-19 test among our members, or others in their household, is confirmed to us, we will make all others who have been at that meeting aware at the earliest opportunity, while respecting the confidentiality of the identity of the affected person. Advice will be taken from NHS Track and Trace on the effects this should have on others, whether there is a need for others to self-isolate, and whether any future meetings need to be postponed.**
- **This guidance applies to ALL young people, young leaders and adult volunteers using our hut – please follow it to help keep ourselves and others safe!**

## FAQ's:

**Here are a collection of questions we were asked in the surveys that have not already been answered in this document, along with some other things we thought you may like to know. If you still have any other questions, please ask your Section Leader or Jack!**

- Who has made all these rules!  
All of our plans, risk assessments and processes have been developed in accordance with guidance set out by the National Youth Agency (NYA) who have been asked by the government to set out Covid related guidance for the Youth Sector. This has been adapted by The Scout Association for use in Scouting and made appropriate to our Group by local volunteers. Using the results of our young people, parent and leader surveys, Section Leaders and the Group Executive Committee have developed these plans. (approved by the District Covid Approvers panel). If you would like to read more about the guidelines we have been following, please see the references on page 18.
- What cleaning will you be doing at the hut?  
While we are on Amber, the hut will only be used very minimally by adults collecting equipment or those needing to use the toilet. This nonetheless poses an infection risk. Leaders will be doing basic cleaning and sanitising of all doors, handles, frequently touched areas and the toilet before meetings. There will be a deep clean of all these facilities, as well as the floors, windows and all other areas, inbetween each Section meeting. This will be done by leaders when Groups immediately follow one another (e.g. Tuesday Beavers and Cubs) but will otherwise be done by a newly employed cleaner who will be visiting the hut multiple times a week.  
Any equipment that is being used will be cleaned before and after use and sharing of equipment will be avoided unless absolutely essential.  
Young people will not be asked to clean (other than their own hands!)
- Will we have to wear masks when we come to meetings?  
No, while we are in Amber stage, young people and leaders will not be required to wear masks in general. This is because meetings are outdoors, social distancing will be enforced and for young people of Beaver and Cub age, masks are not currently mandatory in any setting by the government. You will notice however, that leaders will occasionally wear masks and possibly a face visor, when checking temperatures at the start of a meeting, cleaning or carrying out First Aid. If you need First Aid, you may be asked to wear a mask while being treated, but only if you are happy to do so.
- Why do we have to socially distance in Scouting when we don't elsewhere?  
We know that at school and in other areas of life, social distancing rules aren't as strict as ours. This is because Scouting has to use guidance from the youth sector, rather than sports or education sectors for example. It may be a pain having to keep apart from each

other, but because we are mixing our 'bubbles' when we come to meetings, it is really important we keep everyone safe by staying 2m apart from all those who aren't in our household or support bubble.

**Remember LOOK ABOUT, STOP AND SCOUT!**

- 'I don't think it is possible to social distance a bunch of kids. School has demonstrated this.'

We have all seen throughout this pandemic that at times, some of us aren't perfect at social distancing, which is only natural – we've never had to do it before! However, we are very confident that the visual aids, catchy slogans (!) and strict enforcement measures that we have in place will ensure that we all remain socially distanced throughout our meetings as much as is reasonably possible. Ultimately it is everyone's personal choice if they feel ready and comfortable to attend our meetings and no one should feel pressured to do so.

- What happens if I don't follow the rules?

We all forget things sometimes, so if you are spotted not following the rules, a leader will give you a clear warning and explain to you what you should be doing. If you continue to break the rules though, we will have to ask you to stop taking part in the activity for a while. This may mean sitting out or having to walk with a leader instead of your Patrol for Scouts. If you continue to regularly break rules we will have to discuss with you and your families what the best steps are, including maybe asking you to have a break from face to face meetings. **We are sure this won't happen as we know you will all take this seriously, but we must have plans in place if it does happen as keeping everyone safe is our top priority.**

- Why have you put sheets on the side gate so that you can't see through?

We have temporarily sheeted up the gate so that our outside area is private for all of our meetings, and to help remove the temptation of running to the gate / touching and looking through the gate at the start and end of meetings, which would increase the infection risk. (These sheets can also be easily cleaned between meetings.)

- What do all the numbers on the risk assessments mean?

As many of you will know and be used to, when leaders have previously done risk assessments for activities and events, we have typically used a simple risk matrix to assess how likely a risk is to happen, and how severe the implications would be, were it to happen. This helps us to assess if a risk is acceptable – making this assessment both before and after putting control measures in place, allows us to demonstrate the difference that the actions we are taking, to minimise risk, are making. These were not part of the formal District Covid approval process, but we have included them for your information, to show the methods we have used when making these assessments and establishing if our planned actions are enough to make risks acceptable. All of the risks

that we identified were deemed 'acceptable' or 'acceptable but proceed with caution' after our controls are implemented. (ie. Green/Yellow risks).

- Why are you using non skin contact thermometers at the start of meetings?  
This is just one of many of our plans to help reduce the risk of infection spread at meetings. We know that some asymptomatic cases of Covid could theoretically be missed by these checkers, but we think they are one of many tools which are useful to us at this time.
- Why have Beavers and Cubs met more often than Scouts during lockdown?  
As you all know, all of our leaders are volunteers which means that all of us have done our best to keep Scouting going during this difficult time while juggling our own personal and work commitments. You will all know that there have been unexpected leadership changes in Scouts coinciding with the start of lockdown, meaning this transition period caused Scouts to start Zoom later than other Sections. We are pleased to say we are now out of this transition and we hope all Sections will now have a regular programme – though as always this does depend on our volunteers, who will not always be able to put Scouting first in this difficult period!
- I don't want to be in a group with my sister!  
Unfortunately, to help reduce the number of bubbles or households mixing, we will be keeping people in their household bubbles as much as we can. Sorry!
- What happens if the alert level goes back to Red?  
We will all go back to Virtual Scouting and wait for the situation to improve. Let's make the most of what we have and hope we don't need to go back to Red!
- When will we move to Yellow or Green?  
We wish we had a crystal ball so that we could tell you! The alert level will be changed by the NYA, but any local lockdowns or similar will affect this. We will let you know when we know!



## References:

- **All of the latest guidance from the Scout Association, including the current alert level for Leicestershire, can be found at:**  
<https://www.leicestershirescouts.org.uk/coronavirus/getting-everyone-back-together-safely/>
- **The latest guidance from the National Youth Agency, which has been asked by the UK government to plan and create a framework for the Youth Sector in the Covid period, can be found at:** <https://nya.org.uk/guidance/>
- **The latest guidance on Covid-19, including symptoms to look out for, and guidance on how and when to self-isolate, can be found at:**  
<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>



- And all of the latest updates from our Scout Group, including activities we've been up to, what we've got planned, and the latest Covid related updates, on our Group Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/countesthorpescoutgroup>

