



2nd Renfrew Trinity Scout Group

28/8/20

Dear Parent/Carer,

Safely resuming face-to-face Scouts outdoors.

I'm delighted to let you know that we're now able to restart running outdoor face-to-face activities from 4th September 2020. Given the fact that we're still recovering from the COVID-19 pandemic, there'll be some restrictions on what we do and how we do it. This letter will let you know the steps we've taken to make sure we keep everyone safe.

In line with good practice, 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.

Further to this, 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 me directly so we can consider 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, I'm happy to discuss this with you.

I'd also like to let you know some of the updates to our arrangements for making sure our indoor activities will be COVID-19 safe.

Arrival and departure arrangements

- The young people will be placed into groups of 13 with 2 adults as per scout association ratios (dependant on adult numbers).
- Young people will be dropped off at the rear of the halls at the meeting times (to be advised). They will be greeted by a leader who will instruct them on where they go. Parents must stay in their cars or at a social distant point outside the gate.

Hand sanitisation, hygiene and personal protective equipment

- Young people will have Micrasil hand sanitiser administered when they arrive and before they depart to go home.

Social distancing

- Social distancing measures will be in place as per government guidelines.

Other measures in place

- When we start meeting outdoors, there will be no access to toilet facilities, therefore young people will need to be toileted before they arrive and meetings will last 45 mins max.
- Masks can be worn dependent on the activities. Neckies will not need to be worn until further notice.
- First aid grab bags with the appropriate items will be on hand to be used when required.

Permission to attend

- Please confirm that you understand the new measures in place and are happy for your child to resume coming to outdoor meetings.

The program will initially be outdoors, but because this is Scotland we will be providing a backup ZOOM based activities program for when the weather is bad. Details will be provided via the group Facebook page.

We will also be using the Facebook page to provide a 'poll' for the young people to intimate their attendance on meeting days, this is so we can get enough adults to provide cover.

Finally, we're required to keep a register of those attending to help with the track and trace process. We use On Line Scout Manager (OSM) for this, therefore, there will be a requirement to provide updated contact information so we can have this on file.

We're all looking forward to getting outdoor 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, there will also be a FAQ section on the group Facebook page that will hopefully answer many of the questions or concerns you may have.

Look forward to (hopefully) seeing you soon!

Yours in Scouting,

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