

17/4/21

Dear Parent/Carer,

Plans for getting all Scout sections back together safely.

In light of the continuing Covid Guidance relaxations, longer daylight hours and better weather (hopefully sooner rather than later!) I am pleased to advise that having the Beavers return to weekly outdoor meetings is now feasible. The safety of all group members and their families remains a priority and, with that in mind, I would like to ask for your continued support with our good practice to date.

An outline of how we will plan to operate is detailed below:

Section	Meeting Times
Monday Cubs*	6.30 - 7.30pm
Beavers	6 - 6.45pm
Friday Cubs	7 - 8pm
Scouts	7.30 - 9pm
Explorers	7.30 - 9pm

- The timings shown above will stand until the summer break
- We will continue to meet outdoors until further notice and would be grateful if all young people could arrive in clothing suitable for the weather (especially at the moment)
- Good hygiene measures will continue to be in operation with long lasting hand-gel provided for everyone.
- Face coverings will be worn in line with the latest government guidance
- Social distancing will continue to be observed during meetings
- Where necessary additional leaders/approved adult helpers will be drafted to ensure appropriate levels of supervision

Please note that due to meeting outside, we are unable to offer toilet facilities.

*Please be aware that the Monday Night Brownies will be meeting at the hall from 6.45 – 7.45pm and we are working with them to manage arrival/departure and our separate activities in line with good social distancing practice.

Drop off and collection times can be extremely congested, so to help build on our good work to date, I **would be especially grateful for your support with social distancing at these times**. With that in mind, we will be introducing some signage to help raise awareness of best practice.

An example of the signage is shown below:



Finally, I am well aware that returning to face-to-face Scouts is voluntary for all young people, parents/carers and volunteers. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our neighbours who have coped with the noise/traffic and general hubbub, and also you and your young people and, especially my leaders for the support, hard work, patience and understanding over the last year.

Yours in Scouting,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Colin Hogg'.

Colin Hogg

Group Scout Leader