

An Update on the Covid-19 Situation

Dear Parent

It's now 3 months since we had to move our meetings online. We're so disappointed not to be able to make the most of the light nights, with all the fun and adventurous activities that we would normally be doing with the children and young people. Unfortunately, it's unlikely we'll be returning to normal for some time yet but we wanted to bring you up to date.

The Scout Association is working with the National Youth Agency and other national organisations and have produced the following colour code:

Readiness Level	Scout Activities
Red Rate of infection is consistent or growing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Online meetings only• No face-to-face activities or meetings
Amber Rate of infection is reducing in all parts of the country	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Online meetings• Small group sessions can take place out-of-doors
Yellow Number of cases low and decreasing. Full track and trace system in place	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Online meetings• Small group sessions can take place indoors and outdoors
Green No new cases or a vaccine available	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All activities can resume in line with government guidance• Sleepovers and Camps resume

So when we can, the return to face-to-face Scouting will happen in phases, the first of which will let us resume outdoor activities in small groups. Returning to Scouts will be voluntary for all young people, parents, and volunteers.

When the level drops it will take a some time to resume face-to-face activities as we'll have to put a large number of measures in place, including comprehensive risk assessments and additional hygiene measures which we'll share with you at the time. We'll also need to work out how we can do activities in small groups whilst socially distancing. Unfortunately, as Scouting encourages working together, our activities don't always lend themselves to this.

We'll keep you informed when there is any change and apologise for any disappointment this causes for the young people. Our priority is to keep our young people and adult volunteers totally safe.

During this time we don't want to lose any of our wonderful Beavers, Cubs and Scouts and if there's anything we can do to keep them engaged, please let us know.

If you have any queries or comments please don't hesitate to contact us.