

RETURN TO FACE-TO-FACE SCOUTING GUIDANCE FOR PARENTS

AMBER: outdoor activities, 14 September 2020

1. Introduction

- a. This outlines our requirements to ensure face-to-face scouting can be achieved safely
- b. It includes aspects of what we need parents to do
- c. It also includes how we hope parents will prepare scouts.
- d. The outline features of our activities, allowed at the moment:
 - i. Outdoors
 - ii. "Bubbles" of up to 15 scouts
 - iii. Social distancing maintained between scouts as much as possible
 - iv. Social distancing at all times from leaders

2. Updated information from you

- a. Before a scout can take part in face-to-face activities, we are required to obtain updated contact information.
- b. This does not apply to Zoom meetings.
- c. You will be emailed with details of the form that parents must complete.
- d. This will also include that you are happy with our procedures and Risk Assessment

3. Risk Assessment

- a. This is available on our website: <u>http://aquila.scout-troop.org.uk/Member_information/Return.htm</u>
- b. This current document should be read in conjunction with this Risk Assessment, which we must follow carefully in order to keep safe and within Scout Association rules.

4. General procedures

- a. Note that we will publish specific arrangements for each activity
- b. Please do not expect to be able to ask questions of leaders at start or end of meetings. We will need to deal with anything by email or phone.

c. Before leaving home

- i. Do NOT attend, if showing symptoms
- ii. Check Aquila Whatsapp group and Stop-press page of our website for last minute changes (you should have been invited by email to join this Whatsapp group).
- iii. You will have any instructions for the specific activity and location
- iv. You will be told which bubble your scout is in.
- v. Please remind your Scout to go to toilet just before leaving home. There may not be toilet facilities available (except when we are in scout hut grounds)
- vi. Scout should bring
 - 1. Face mask (unless cannot wear one)
 - 2. Any drink wanted: it will not be possible to get any at the Scout Hut
 - 3. Waterproof outer garment (if weather uncertain)
 - 4. own hand sanitiser, if possible (but Troop will have some)
 - 5. Anything specified for the activity
- vii. Scouts should wear Group neckerchiefs, even if we are not in uniform

d. Arriving

- i. At our Scout hut, there is a one-way system. Please walk up East side of Hall Heath Close (Hatfield side) and enter via the pedestrian gate
- ii. Please will parents NOT enter grounds
- iii. Other locations we may meet will start from car parks: please will parents stay in cars.
- iv. On arrival, Scouts must:
 - 1. Have temperature measured: please wear face mask but remove hoods before this to make measurement more accurate
 - 2. Sanitise hands (own or Troop gel)
 - 3. Wait in their bubble.

e. Leaving

- i. At Scout hut, there is a one-way system. Please leave by the main gate and walk along the West side of Hall Heath Close (city centre side)
- ii. Please will parents NOT enter grounds
- iii. Elsewhere in carparks, parents please stay in cars.
- iv. As usual, we need to be informed as Scout leaves, so we can record departure.

f. After

- i. Please inform us, if your scout develops Covid symptoms within two weeks.
- ii. If so, obviously do not attend for the quarantine period.

5. DURING ACTIVITIES

a. Bubble groups

- i. Scouts must stay in their designated bubble group
- ii. These will operate totally separated from any other group.

b. Activity equipment

- i. Equipment will have been cleaned or quarantined before use
- ii. Any activity equipment will not be moved between groups
- iii. WE will try to ensure that equipment is not handled by more than one scout
- iv. Equipment will be cleaned or quarantined between uses, as specified in the Risk Assessment

c. Toilets

- i. If we are meeting at the Scout Hut grounds, the ONLY time scouts may go in the hut is to use the toilets
- ii. This will be a one-in-one-out basis
- iii. Toilets etc will be cleaned between section meetings
- iv. Any toilets at other locations will be checked.

d. Signs of illness during meetings

- i. The procedures for first aid, quarantining etc are described in the risk assessment
- ii. The Scout Association may instigate Track and Trace