**Safely resuming face-to-face Scouts outdoors**

We are so excited to let you know that we are now able to restart running outdoor face-to-face activities at Beaver Scouts from 3rd November 2020. Due to the continuing COVID-19 pandemic, there will 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.

Firstly, 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.

Secondly, 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. Badges At Home will be available again. If your child’s shielding or in another vulnerable group, please contact us directly so we can chat through some options.

We are 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, we’re happy to discuss this with you.

We would also like to let you know some of the updates to our arrangements for making sure our outdoor activities will be COVID-19 safe.

**Arrival and departure arrangements**

* We will have a maximum group size of 15 young people. This means that meetings will be fortnightly for your group.
* We will start our meeting at 6pm and finish at 7.30pm.
* Pick up and collection will be on the left-hand side of Spud Wood entrance. (see map).

**Hand sanitisation, hygiene and personal protective equipment**

* We will have 60% alcohol hand sanitiser available. If you have an allergy / intolerance, or if you prefer to use your own, you can bring your own personal hand sanitiser, but it must have suitable anti-viral properties. Please do not share your own hand sanitiser with anybody-else.

**Social distancing**

* All participants must stay at least 2m apart from each other. (This includes young people, Young Leaders, Leaders, and any other adults who are helping at meetings).

**Other measures in place**

* There are no toilet facilities available – please make sure you have used the toilet before you come to the meeting.
* All equipment provided by us will either have been sanitised or quarantined for 72 hours before use.
* We will have a trained first aider and a first aid kit with appropriate PPE.

**Permission to attend**

* Please check that all the contact details for your child are on OSM and are up to date.
* By accepting the return to Face to Face scouting event invitation, you are confirming that you understand the new measures in place and are happy for your child to resume coming to outdoor meetings.

Finally, we’re required to keep a register of those attending to help with the track and trace process.

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 do not hesitate to get in touch with Malak (Nichala Johansen - 07989 421 324) if you have any questions or concerns.

We plan to chat with young people themselves about this too and will be briefing them at the beginning of every session.

Look forward to (hopefully) seeing you soon!

Best wishes,

18th Warrington East (4th Lymm) Beaver Leaders