

166th (Mickleover) Derby Scout Group

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To All Parents and Carers,

We hope you are all keeping well and safe in these trying times.

As we have had our Risk Assessment approved by the Scout Association, we are now able to start to resume some Face to Face Scouting within some sections. Due to restrictions put in place by the Government, the National Youth Association and the Scout Association the meetings we will be organising will be very different from the norm, but we are confident we can give the Cubs and Scouts some quality time with their peers, whilst staying within the guidelines introduced to keep everyone safe. This is equally important for the young people and the volunteers. With regards to the Beaver Colony, we are currently working out the best way to proceed with the youngest age group, so they will be continuing to meet virtually for the time being.

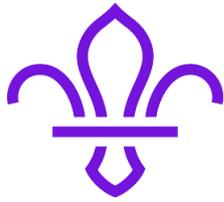
The Section Leaders will be sending out a communication to each of their members Parents/Carers outlining what will be happening within their group and the protocol involved. This will be the case while we are at the Medium or High levels as outlined by the Government. Despite the National Youth Association guidelines stating that meetings can continue in the Very High level we have decided we will not hold any Face to Face meetings at that time.

However as is stated in our Risk Assessment (link [here](#)), there are a few things that **MUST** be completed before we can accept your child back to Face to Face meetings

1. An up-to-date 'Membership Enquiry' form (link [here](#)) must have been submitted in order that we are certain the Contact Details that we hold are still correct.
2. The 'Declaration and Permission to Return to Face-to-Face Meetings' form (link [here](#)) must be submitted.

Some of you have already completed the 'Membership Enquiry' form. Thank You, but we are unable to accept any young people who have not returned both these forms

The Leaders and Executive Committee have worked hard to bring a safe and enjoyable programme together, both throughout lockdown and ongoing into our Face to Face plans. The driving force in all of these steps has been the need to keep all Members and Volunteers safe and well, whilst keeping Scouting at 166th alive. It must be remembered that the Scout Association are running under guidance from the National Youth Association and so rules are quite different from schools. This makes planning meetings



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a challenge but I repeat, we have followed all guidelines to keep everyone safe.

We are also aware that not all members will feel willing/able to return to Face to Face meetings and so we will endeavour to continue to provide a virtual scouting experience for all sections in some form.

We hope you will support us in the coming weeks/months while we endeavour to give your children some much needed time together. This may involve some occasional pleas for help with erecting/dismantling marquees, supervising 2 metre distancing and any other issues we may need help with. It must also be born in mind that meetings may have to be cancelled in the event of Leaders being forced to quarantine at short notice, as we are not able to call on all Leaders due to shielding etc, but we always do our best to deliver the meeting if at all possible.

In conclusion we are in unprecedented times and everyone at 166th is doing their utmost to give your children some quality Scouting experience. We hope we can rely on support from Parents/Carers in these efforts.

Keep well and Safe,

Julie Skivington Group Scout Leader

Mark Adey Executive Chairman