

## **Outdoor COVID Code of Conduct, April 2021**

This COVID Code of Conduct outlines the necessary amendments to the way 1<sup>st</sup> Dinting Scout Group (the Group) will operate until further notice.

**Purpose:** The COVID Code of Conduct aims to ensure, as far as is possible, the safety of everyone. It sets out behavioural rules for both adults and young people which must be observed by all.

**Effective Date:** The New Code of Conduct takes effect immediately and remains in place indefinitely.

**Revisions** the Code of Conduct may be updated from time to time to reflect any changes in guidance or operating procedures. The latest version of the Code of Conduct can be viewed or downloaded from our Website. Any substantial changes will be sent to all parents/carers via email.

**Governance** At all times, 1<sup>st</sup> Dinting Scout Group is subject to the policies, directions and guidance of The Scout Association and we will observe and implement any changes that are required by them.

**Consent** All parents / guardians / carers will need to provide their consent to agree to this COVID Code of Conduct before their child will be allowed to join in face-to-face scouting sessions.

## **How the Code of Conduct affects you and your children**

### **1. Your Agreement to abide by the Code of Conduct**

Before ANY child can return to any Face-to-Face Meetings, YOU will need to agree to two statements, by following either of the links at the end of this document.

These statements are:

- a. 'I have read the Outdoor COVID-19 Code of Conduct and I agree to the whole content'
- b. 'I have explained the Outdoor COVID-19 Code of Conduct to my Young Person and they understand it'

Until such time as you have agreed those statements, your child will not be permitted to join any face-to-face meetings. If there is any part of the Code of Conduct that you wish to discuss with a leader, you should contact the relevant Section Leader. Please do not do this AT meetings.

Please refer to the final section – Submitting Your Consent - for instructions for providing your consent.

## **2. COVID-19 Symptoms and Self-Isolation**

- If your child, or anyone else in the same household, are showing any symptoms of COVID-19 then your child will not be permitted to join any face-to-face meetings. You should follow the Government's guidance on testing and self-isolation.
- If your child has been asked to self-isolate by NHS Test & Trace, by a local school or by anyone else your child should not attend face-to-face scouting activities during the period of self-isolation.

## **3. Safety**

- Now, more than ever before, it is necessary to take extreme measures to ensure the safety of everyone.
- Key to ensuring everyone's safety is that your child fully understands that they must, at all times, follow all the instructions and directions from leaders. We all want our young people to have fun, but general misbehaviour in the current climate poses risks to everyone and will not be tolerated. The leaders will try to ensure that programmes are varied, interesting and fun for all so now, more than ever before, they expect that the young people will follow all instructions exactly.
- Please make sure that your child(ren) understand the potential consequences to their own health, and the health of everyone else (including your family) of breaching social distancing.
- Your child must have a clear understanding of current social distancing rules and have an awareness of just how far the current minimum distance is (2 metres).
- Unfortunately, if your child(ren) are unable to understand the importance of social distancing and cannot abide by those rules, we will not be able to accept them at face-to-face meetings whilst social distancing measures are in place.
- If your child intentionally, or otherwise, regularly breaches the current Social Distancing Guidelines or persistently ignores instructions, they may be asked to stop attending face-to-face meetings.
- You acknowledge that the leaders will do their best to ensure social distancing but due to the age of some children this may not always happen despite best efforts
- You acknowledge that the 1<sup>st</sup> Dinting Scout Group are unable to completely eliminate the risks of COVID-19 transmission and the leaders will do what they can to keep everyone safe.
- If adverse weather conditions occur meetings may be cancelled, or you may be required to come and collect your child at very short notice.

## **4. Shielding and Vulnerable**

- Some 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. You agree that if your child is shielding or in another vulnerable group you will contact your Section Leader. Your

Section Leader will work with you to understand what can be done to minimise the risk to your child whilst continuing to participate in scouting activities where possible.

- Some young people, including young people with additional needs, might need new or different reasonable adjustments putting in place. You agree to contact your Section Leader to discuss any additional needs.

## **5. Rules for Beavers, Cubs and Scouts**

All Beavers, Cubs and Scouts must follow these important rules.

- Must always follow instructions from ALL Adults and Young Leaders
- No sharing of drinks, snacks, or sweets
- No using toilets without permission from a leader
- Keep in your limited group size, as instructed by the leaders
- Maintain a 2-metre distance from other young people where you can, the odd accident will be acceptable
- Must always maintain a 2-metre distance from adults unless you need first aid, then follow instructions

## **6. Drop Off Arrangements for meetings**

- The Leadership team will define an area which will act as 'the gate entrance to the meeting area'. You must stay outside of that area.
- You will not be able to drop-off your child inside the meeting area, drop-off must happen outside of the designated meeting area.
- Parents and their children should wait outside the meeting area whilst remaining socially distanced from others until a leader is present to allow your child in. Please do not enter the meeting area.
- A leader will welcome each child at the entrance to the meeting area.
- You will have been asked whether your child has COVID-19 symptoms, if you have confirmed that they do not have COVID-19 symptoms they may enter the hut grounds whereby they will need to sanitise their hands immediately. Parents and carers should leave the area around the gate promptly.
- However, if you have not confirmed that your child does not have COVID-19 symptoms they will not be permitted to join the meeting and you will be asked to take them home.
- Thereafter, your child should follow instructions from a leader.
- Social distancing rules must be followed at all times by your child, as unlike at school, there will be no 'bubbles'.
- At no time may you enter the meeting area. If you need to speak to a leader, they will meet you outside of the meeting area.
- Please avoid large congregations of parents around the entrance to the meeting area.

## **7. Pick-up Arrangements for meetings**

- You will not be able to pick-up your child inside the meeting area, pick-up must happen outside the meeting area.

- Parents should wait outside the meeting area whilst remaining socially distanced from others until a leader is present. Please do not enter the meeting area.
- At the appropriate time, a leader will identify waiting parents and summon their child. Where you have more than one child attending, each will be summoned separately.
- The child will, once more, sanitise their hands before being allowed to leave the grounds.
- Once you have collected your child(ren) please leave the area near the gate promptly.
- At no time may you enter the meeting area. If you need to speak to a leader, they will meet you outside of the meeting area.
- Please avoid large congregations of parents.

## **8. Test and Trace**

- By agreeing to this COVID-19 Code of Conduct you consent to the Group providing contact details, if requested to do so, to the Government's Test and Trace System if you, or your child, have been in contact with someone else from 1st Dinting Scout Group who has tested positive to COVID-19. A register of all young people attending a face-to-face meeting has always been taken and this will be extended to include any other person in attendance at a meeting, including adult helpers and carers, so that the Leadership team have the required information for NHS Test and Trace, should it become necessary. This information will be held for 6 weeks in line with Scout Association rules.
- You agree to keep your contact details up to date in 'MyPortal' in Online Scout Manager (OSM). Hopefully we will not be required to contact you during our sessions, but should we need to please ensure you are available. Failure to be available may result in your child not being invited to attend future sessions.

Click here to login: <https://www.onlinescoutmanager.co.uk/login.php> and select your child then 'personal details'

## **9. What happens if my child breaches the social distancing rules at a meeting?**

- The leaders will separate the young people involved as soon as possible.
- If this happens repeatedly those involved may be asked to sit out for a while or if necessary, their parent/guardian/carer will be called to pick up their child.

## **10. What do I have to do now?**

- Contact your usual leadership team to discuss any concerns and let them know if your child or anyone in your household is shielding or vulnerable and discuss options for your child returning to face-to-face activities.
- You should follow the links at the end of this document and agree to the two 'consent statements'. You will need to do this before your child comes to their first face-to-face meeting. They won't be able to attend if this isn't done.
- Follow any further instructions from your child(ren)'s Section Leader about when the Section is starting back and follow any other instructions they may issue.

## **11. If you have any concerns at all**

- Firstly, please rest assured that the Group is taking every reasonable precaution to ensure the safety of everyone.
- If you would like more details of how the Group is responding to the COVID-19 pandemic, you can visit our Coronavirus information page on our Group website. This page provides links to letters to parents and detailed COVID-19 Risk Assessments for the Group. If you find that you require further clarification on this document, or you just need to ask another question, please contact the Group Scout Leader by email at [darren.harbut@glossopdistrictscouts.org.uk](mailto:darren.harbut@glossopdistrictscouts.org.uk)

## **Submitting your consent**

Please confirm that you have read the Outdoor Code of Conduct by following either the QR code or the webpage link to the online form. Please note, if you have more than one child with the Scout Group you will need to complete the form for each one. If you encounter any issues in doing this, please inform your child's Section Leader.

<https://forms.office.com/r/LGhja0Q3Ux>

