



## Dear parent/carer

## Plans for getting our Scout Group back together safely

As some of the government restrictions around the COVID-19 pandemic begin to be relaxed, we're starting to plan how we'll be able to return to face-to-face Scouting activities at the  $23^{rd}$  Bromley Scout Group.

Although we are all looking forward to being able to return, we currently don't know when this will be. However, we wanted to provide an update on how we will approach a re-start.

Our restarting plans will follow all government rules and guidance from Scouts' UKHQ and, as always, our priority is to keep all young people and adults safe.

Below is an outline of how we will operate, following the Scouts' 'COVID Code':

- New control measures will be in place for all activities
- Additional hygiene measures will be put in place
- Social distancing will be observed
- Group sizes will be limited
- Adjustments will be made for vulnerable young people and those affected by COVID

The return to Scouting will happen in phases, the first of which will let us resume outdoor activities in small groups. Returning to face-to-face Scouting is voluntary for all young people, parents/carers and volunteers.

Until we can safely resume face to face Scouting we are introducing monthly group challenges, which will be suitable for all of our young people and will be linked to Scouting awards and challenges. Look out for more details of the first one, which will be coming soon from your section leaders.

We'll share more detailed plans for the new safety measures we're putting in place during the autumn term and we'd encourage all parents and carers, young people and volunteers to raise concerns, ask questions and provide feedback. This can be done either via your section leaders or by email to <a href="mailto:gsl@23rdbromleyscouts.org">gsl@23rdbromleyscouts.org</a>.

Best wishes

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