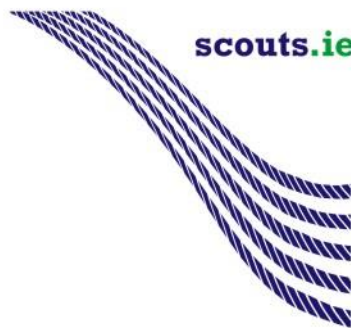




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09 October 2020

## Re: Return to Scouting

Dear Parent/Guardian,

I hope this email finds you and your family in good health. I apologize for the delayed contact, we have been making plans in the background and as you are no doubt aware, plans have been changing a lot lately. However, since the introduction of the government's 5 Level plan we hope to be able to provide a clear outline of our return to scouting.

Currently we are easing back into scouting, we realise that there is a lot going on at the moment and everybody is easing back into school and other activities. For this reason we are starting back with a program that is focused on the outdoors, with the aim to ease back in to weekly meetings depending on the current situation. We feel that this will enable us to provide a program that hopefully will not have to chop and change due to announcements. There is guidance from Scouting Ireland on activities however we have developed our own approach based on this. If you would like to read the guidance it can be found [here](#).

Outdoor program will commence this month and each section will offer a minimum of 3 one day events in the outdoors, primarily over weekends. This will ensure our members and leaders safety while also providing much needed time away from being stuck inside. After Christmas we hope to start to get back in to weekly meetings however this will be communicated closer to the time.

In order to be transparent and take the guess work out of what happens at each level I have provided a list below.

Level 1: Full Scouting program

Level 2: Full scouting program (indoors and outdoors in pods)

Level 3: Outdoor Activities mostly (some indoor for small groups of older members)

Level 4: Outdoor Activities Only

Level 5: No scouting (Online catch ups monthly)

Please note that at all levels except level one we will be operating in pods of a maximum of 15. Leaders will ensure there is no mixing of Pods while on the activity. Before your child can take part in any activity you will need to complete a return to scouting form online using one of the section specific links below.

**Beavers:** <https://forms.gle/rMXATerrv3yV6W3B6>

**Cubs:** <https://forms.gle/gp7yysKiiqCN3tJ19>

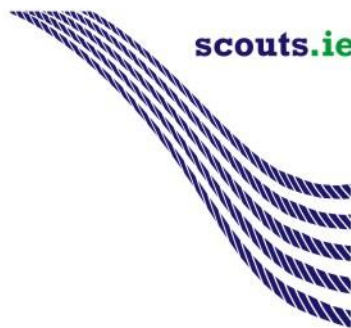
**Scouts:** <https://forms.gle/ASHifrYMEumcqXtd7>

**Ventures:** <https://forms.gle/3ktzF2CNutvFon9T9>

Due to reduced activity, this year we have amended our annual fees from €200 to €100 per member. This will mostly cover the cost of your child's membership fees to scouting Ireland and cover the cost of their



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annual insurance so they can take part in activities. As there is only a small portion going into the group for program and den upkeep, if we can increase our activity after Christmas we will review our fees and ask for a further €50 to be paid. Please note that fees will need to be paid by November 6<sup>th</sup> 2020. These can be paid at events or by bank transfer. If you would like to pay by transfer please use the bank details at the end of this letter.

In order to get back scouting we have implemented a few procedures to enable us to do so. Please make your child is aware of these prior to events or entering the den.

1. **One way system-** Members should now enter the den using the kitchen door to the rear of the building and exit through the front door. When members enter through the kitchen they should be instructed to wash their hands before entering anywhere else in the building.
2. **Den use-** As per the youth groups guidance there should be a maximum of 15 people in the den at any one time. The use of smaller rooms should be limited to ensure social distancing. On week nights outdoors will also be utilised to provide programme to our members. Section leaders should advise that youth members should prepare for this.
3. **Food & Drinks-** The use of the kitchen will be limited during this period. No youth member will have access to equipment for eating or drinking so should bring their own bottle etc. on the night.
4. **Hand Hygiene -** Members should wash their hands every time they enter the den and everytime they use the bathroom. There will also be hand sanitizer available which should be used at regular intervals.
5. **Respiratory Etiquette-** We would ask that we explain good respiratory hygiene to all members i.e. cover all coughs and sneezes with their elbow.
6. **Return Form -** All youth members are required to have a parent complete a return to scouting form online before attending their first meeting. If they do not complete this form the youth member cannot attend. They should also be informed that if circumstances change they should notify the section or group leader. These forms should also be redone before outdoor activities.
7. **Face Masks-** are required to be worn at all times when in the den and in situations where social distancing is not always possible. Scouts, Ventures, Rovers and Leaders are all required to wear a Face Mask. As it is not deemed suitable, youth members in Beavers and Cubs are not required to wear a face mask, however they can use one if they wish.
8. **Cleaning-** At the end of every meeting the leader team should wipe down all surfaces used before closing the den. We have purchased anti-bacterial cleaning agents for this, they are available in the kitchen.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter. I look forward to getting back to scouting over the coming months. If you have any questions in relation to the above please do not hesitate to contact me by email at [groupleader@94dublin.ie](mailto:groupleader@94dublin.ie)

Yours in Scouting,  
Matthew  
Group Leader

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*Please ensure to reference your son(s)/daughter(s) name(s) when making the transfer to ensure your payment is recorded correctly.*