

### 3rd Petts Wood Scout Group Admission Policy and waiting List 2018

Due to the recent increase in numbers of each of the sections at 3<sup>rd</sup> Petts Wood it has become necessary to review the Admission Policy of the Group. The Group is sponsored by Fr David Camilleri the Parish Priest of St James the Great RC Church. As such the Group takes Catholic children into the Group and it is expected they will attend Church Parade on the second Sunday of each month at St James and be active in assisting with Parish events as requested.

We have trialled having the Cub Pack and Scout Troop being split into two groups and each group meeting once a fortnight with full pack/Troop meetings when possible. This will continue for the Scout Troop as currently and will be the case for the Cub Pack from next term.

The Beaver Colony can have a maximum of 24 young people. Currently the number has been reduced to 21 in order that those in Beavers now, are assured of a place in Cubs and continuing through the sections.

If the numbers in Beavers rise, then the numbers in Cubs will become unmanageable by the current Leadership team. The number of Cubs at present is 26. This will increase to 31 in May and 36 in September this year, with the current number of Beavers being 21.

As you may be aware we have had many discussions regarding how we can resolve the problem of more children wanting to come to 3<sup>rd</sup> Petts Wood than there are places for.

To this end we need to revise the current admission policy and the waiting list.

From Easter the policy will be as follows for all those wishing to attend 3<sup>rd</sup> Petts Wood Scout Group.

#### Beavers

Children are accepted at around their 6<sup>th</sup> Birthday into Beavers. Please note as above we take Roman Catholic children in the first instance as we are a sponsored Group.

The order of priority is:

- Children of existing leaders
- Siblings of current members of 3<sup>rd</sup> Petts Wood
- Length of time on current waiting list
- If nobody on the waiting list, children from other Groups

If a space is not available to be offered by the time your child is 6 years 3 months then you will be asked if you wish your child to go on the Cub waiting List.

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#### Cubs

The policy is the same as Beavers except Cubs will be accepted at around their 8<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

If no space available when your child is 8 years 3 months you will be asked if you wish your child to go on the Scout Waiting List.

### Scouts

As above: Scouts will be accepted at around ten and a half years.

If no space available when your child is 10years 3months you will be asked if you wish your child to go on the Explorer Waiting List.

### Explorers

As above: Explorers will be accepted from around 14years.

### When to Apply.

Apply now if your child was born before 31/08/2012.

The waiting List is open to children who turn 5 during the current academic year and older.

If your child was born before 31/08/2013 apply from 01/03/2018. We will only accept children onto the waiting list who have started Primary School.

If your child was born before 31/08/2014 apply from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2018. We will only accept children onto the waiting list who have started primary school or will start in January 2019

If your child was born before 31/08/2015, apply from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2019. We will only accept children onto the waiting list who have started primary school or will start in January 2020.

Please contact Teresa Troy the membership secretary: [ttroy18@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:ttroy18@yahoo.co.uk) to be added to the waiting list.

Please include name, date of birth, address, phone and email address. You will be contacted by email in the first instance.