



# 1<sup>st</sup> ORWELL SCOUT GROUP

## ADMISSION POLICY

1st Orwell Scout Group is very popular and there is unfortunately not room for all children that wish to become members of the Group. This policy sets out how prospective members are given priority. The policy applies only to 1st Orwell Scout Group. Other groups within the Royston District will have different policies.

We accept and encourage diversity, and accept males and females of any race, colour and religion. Children must be between 6 and 14 years of age. Adults can range from 18 upwards, but must have a valid Scout Association Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check before joining.

When prospective members become eligible they will be offered a place within the relevant section, provided there is a strong likelihood that there is sufficient space in subsequent sections for all members of the group. For example a prospective child of Beavers age will be offered a place in Beavers if it is expected that there will be space for them in Cubs and Scouts when they are due to move up.

If there is insufficient space, prospective members will be placed on the waiting list, provided they are above 3 years of age. The group as a whole maintains only one waiting list and prospective members will join the appropriate section for their age when a space becomes available.

New members are selected from the waiting list when places become available, according to the following priorities:

1. Children of the uniformed Scouting leadership teams.
2. Children who are moving up from lower sections (Beavers or Cubs) due to age.
3. Children of the current Executive Committee.
4. The length of time the prospective member has been on the waiting list.
5. Children transferring from other Scout Groups.

Children of the uniformed Scouting leadership teams have the highest priority due to the critical lack of uniformed leaders in Scouting generally and 1st Orwell in particular.

Children will generally move up to the next section at the end of term following their reaching the age when they would expect to leave the section (8 for moving from Beavers to Cubs, 10 for moving from Cubs to Scouts) in order to free up places for qualifying children on the waiting list or wishing to move up from the previous section. If there is not space in the next section, or their current section is not full they may move up a term later at the uniformed leaders' discretion.

Exceptions to these rules to cater for siblings or other considerations may be made after consultation with the Executive Committee and Group Scout Leader.

Should a parent or guardian wish to appeal against a decision they can contact the Group Scout Leader whose decision will be final.



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