

# 1<sup>st</sup> Duffield Scouts Admissions Policy

A young person may be offered a place as a member of the 1<sup>st</sup> Duffield Scout Group subject to the [rules and policies of The Scout Association](#) and this local admissions policy.

Registering a child's interest in joining the Scout Group does not guarantee them a place.

The Scout Group admits youth members subject to a number of constraints, including:

- them being the appropriate age;
- maximum section size rules; and
- the availability of resources to deliver a safe and high-quality programme (e.g., adult volunteers, meeting space, supervision ratios).

We record interest for places and, once the child has reached the required age, we prioritise the allocation of places based on:

1. succession within the Scout Group (e.g., an existing Cub moving to Scouts);
2. the willingness of parents/carers to take on a formal volunteer role in Scouting and contribute in a meaningful way;
3. whether the child is a sibling of current members;
4. whether the child's home address is in 1st Duffield catchment; and
5. the child's age and the length of time they have been on the waiting to join list.

Offers of a place are only valid for 14 days. Sometimes we offer a place to two or more people at the same time, in which cases places are allocated on a first come, first served basis.

If a young person wishing to join the 1<sup>st</sup> Duffield scout group has moved into catchment and is still a member of another scout group then priority will be given to allocating a place in a section at the earliest opportunity. However, the parent/carer must complete the on line joining form stating that the young person is currently a member of another scout group.

The section the child joins will depend on their age at the time of joining and will be as follows:

### **New Starter's Age**

Beavers	6 to 8
Cubs	8 to 10 ½
Scouts	10½ to 14

### **Transfer between sections**

The 1st Duffield scout group currently operates with 2 x beaver colonies, 2 x cub packs and 3 x scout troops. When a young person is admitted into a colony, pack or troop either directly from the waiting list (or as they move from beavers to cubs to scouts) the membership secretary, section leader and Group Scout Leader will do all we can to accommodate siblings in the same section (if requested by parents/carers).

Once a place is allocated and the young person takes up the allocated place, there is no provision for a young person to transfer to the other section at a later date.

In exceptional circumstances a section leader or parent/carer can request an internal transfer (from one colony, pack or troop to another) in writing direct to the Group Scout Leader supported with a detailed justification for the transfer. The Group Scout Leader will consider the matter and notify his/her decision within 21 days.

The decision to admit anyone to membership of the Scout Group rests with the Group Scout Leader, in accordance with The Scout Association's policies. The decision by the Group Scout Leader is final and there is no further right to appeal.

## **Complaints Policy**

We encourage anyone with concerns about Scouting in 1st Duffield to [contact us](#) to discuss their concerns.

Complaints about any aspect of Scouting may be made in accordance with [The Scouts Complaints Policy](#).

# Our Catchment Area

