



Scouting goes on!

Online Meeting Guide for Parents



During these challenging times, we are excited to be able to offer young people the opportunity to continue Scouting in a new and innovative way. This is about embracing technology. We appreciate that one solution cannot fit everyone, so we have many ways for young people to connect with their Scout Troop, Cub Pack or Beaver Colony every week.

Here we will guide you through the options and how to make the most them. Each option requires some parental involvement. What a great opportunity for you to join in the fun and adventure of Scouting with your children!





Weekly meetings are able to continue online, in the comfort of your home. Yay!!

Most sections will be using ZOOM to host meetings for the time being.



For your child to join a virtual meeting, you will need a laptop, tablet or mobile phone that has a microphone and ideally a camera (but this is not essential).

You will be sent a calendar invite by your Leader, which contains a link to join the meeting. Select the link and your young person will be connected to their meeting. At first you will be held in a 'waiting room'. Please be patient while the Leaders provide access to everyone, a bit like taking a register!



There will be at least two Leaders present at all times to ensure the safety of the young people. Just the same as when we meet at our Scout headquarters!



To continue to promote being part of Scouts it would be great if young people wear uniform and neckers.

We ask that you be on hand to help your daughter or son with any challenges. Leaders will be controlling the meeting, but obviously they can't see everything the young people may be doing on their computer.

Lastly, before the first meeting, we kindly request that all adults read the Scouting Yellow Card. This provides important information of how we keep young people safe at Scouts.

<https://members.scouts.org.uk/supportresources/3099>



OSM Programme at home

If you are unable to access the weekly virtual meetings, you have the option to follow the weekly programme via OSM. Parents can also use this option to follow-up after the virtual meeting to recap.

Leaders can upload a short video or worksheet for the young people to watch or follow. They will provide useful information to support young people, enabling them to complete badge work and activities.

Just log on to OSM and chose the programme option.

Click on the 'Participate from home' button. Away you go!

You can upload photos or videos to show the Leaders what your child has completed.

OSM Badges at home

Once you log onto OSM as normal, chose the badge option under your child's name..

This provides an overview of the badges available to your child and which parts of the badge they have already completed.

When a young person completes badge work, simply click on the relevant badge. Then upload photos, videos or documents as evidence. It is also possible to add comments for the Leaders to see.

It is all that simple!