

1st Denmead Scout Group

Behaviour Policy

Overview

This policy is designed to outline the behaviour deemed appropriate and acceptable for all youth members at **1st Denmead Scout Group**. This is in addition to and supports the behaviour outlined on The Scouts Yellow Card ([link to full details](#)). This policy covers the behaviour of all youth members while in 1st Denmead Scout Group or attending any Scouting event or activity.

Scouting is all about **FUN, FRIENDSHIP AND ADVENTURE** and these can only be achieved by working together. By requiring certain behaviours from our youth members, we provide a greater freedom for the group as a whole and everyone who is a part of it.

All sections are required to follow these rules, although they will be explained in terms more appropriate to their age.

Uniform

Scouting Uniform should be worn for all scouting activities unless notified to the contrary.

- Blue cargo trousers or similar
- Blue shorts
- Denmead T-shirt or section T-shirt
- Section jumper or scout shirt
- Scarf and woggle

Listen

All youth members should listen and pay attention when leaders are talking and/or when explaining games or activities. If a leader raises their arm, everybody must immediately stop what they are doing, stand still, keep quiet and listen to a leader.

Friendly and Helpful

We expect **everybody** to be friendly, respectful, and helpful to **everyone**. All anti-social behaviour including verbal, physical or mental abuse/bullying will not be tolerated.

Disciplinary Procedures

All disciplinary actions will be appropriate to the young person concerned and will consider their age and personal circumstances. Disciplinary actions may include but not limited to:

- Time out from an activity
- Asked to leave an activity, normally in the case of violent behaviour.
- Asked to apologise to their peers or adult member.

If the behaviour is deemed to be unsafe or consistently disruptive and unacceptable, the **Section Leader** will discuss this with the youth members parents/guardian. This may result in the young person not attending the Group meetings and activities for a short period of two (2) weeks and/or being excluded from events. Parents may also be asked to attend the Group meetings, activities, or events with their young person.

Generally, we would expect that this would be agreeable between Section Leaders and parents/guardians however where an agreement cannot be reached, the **Group Scout Leader** will have the final decision once in possession of all the facts.

No body at group level can exclude a youth member from the **Group** on a permanent basis. This would be the final action in extreme circumstances and this decision is taken by the **District Commissioner**.

Scouting is committed to being **inclusive for all** and therefore every effort will be made to keep all youth members active within the Group. Each case will be treated fairly, will consider all the facts, any personal circumstances and importantly the safety of the individual and the whole Group.

Any questions about this policy should be directed to the Group Scout Leader – gsl@denmeadscouts.com