

Scouts Bromyard – Admissions Policy

Last review date: 23 Sept 2022

Next review date: 23 Sept 2023

Scouts Bromyard is committed to comply with the Scout Association Equal Opportunities Policy.

Scouts Bromyard resources are such that, to comply with the Safety Policy, support volunteer leaders and provide reasonably safe and effective programmes for young members, it has been agreed by the Trustees to reasonably limit membership to the following numbers:

Beaver Colony – 18

Cub Pack – 24

Scout Troop - 24

Applications for membership which would exceed these limits will be entered onto a waiting list.

Handling of Membership Enquires:

Applications for membership can be submitted via the group's website (scoutsbromyard.com/join). A paper based application form is also available on request.

All applications are placed on a waiting list and places are made available to join the group at the start of each term based on the waiting list prioritization policy. When a place is made available, the relevant section leader will contact the applicant parent/carer, who will then have 2-weeks to accept or decline the offer.

Waiting List Prioritization

Scouts Bromyard aim to admit new members in order to achieve a reasonably even spread of age groups within each section, to avoid creating surges in pack or troop numbers at a later date. Admissions from the waiting list shall be taken after consideration to ensure that places will remain available to accommodate existing sections members when they move up from other sections.

When vacancies arise and the number of young applicants on the waiting list exceeds the number of places available, the following criteria will be applied (in this order):-

1. Existing young Scout members moving into Bromyard and adjacent areas.
2. Child of a parent/carer who is an active volunteer within the Group (at the discretion of the Group Scout Leader).
3. Siblings of young members currently enrolled in Scouts Bromyard.
4. Anyone else on the waiting list.

Applicants will be offered a place, taking into account their time on the waiting list and the impact on the other sections. If appropriate, applicants who do not receive a place in the Section they have applied to will be transferred to the next Section's waiting list and placed into the waiting list according to the total length of time they have spent waiting.

Special Needs

If a young person has special needs, please join the waiting list and also contact the Group Scout Leader to discuss any specific requirements.

It should be noted that the Scout Group cannot offer one-to-one care during meetings. If this is a requirement or becomes a requirement at any time, the parent/carer will be required to provide support and supervision.

Exceptions

Exceptions to this policy may be made in exceptional circumstance and subject to the approval of the Group Scout Leader/Group Chair

Appeals

Appeal to this policy are initially to the Scouts Bromyard Trustees Group. A second appeal may be made to The Shire Scout District/Hereford & Worcester Scout County.