



Code of Conduct

The Scouting Movement is based on Friendship, Trust, Consideration and Respect for others and oneself. When invested, every member (Cub Scout or Scout) makes a Promise to the Scouting Movement to abide by these principles.

Unfortunately, some members are not always prepared to keep this Promise and can disrupt the whole section with their poor behaviour, spoiling the activities and fun for the other members. Therefore, the following 'Code of Conduct' has been written to clarify what is expected from each member and, to explain the procedure should a member's actions be considered by the Section Leaders as being unacceptable behaviour.

Scout Promise

On my honour, I promise that I will do my best, to do my duty to God and the Queen, to help other people and to keep the Scout Law.

Scout Law

1. A Scout is to be trusted.
2. A Scout is loyal.
3. A Scout is friendly and considerate.
4. A Scout belongs to the world-wide family of Scouts.
5. A Scout has courage in all difficulties.
6. A Scout makes good use of time and is careful of possessions and property.
7. A Scout has self-respect and respect for others.

Examples of unacceptable behaviour

1. Violence towards other members, Leaders, helpers or visitors.
2. Behaviour likely to cause danger to themselves or others.
3. Use of vulgar, abusive or offensive language.
4. Bullying of any kind – verbal or physical.
5. Disruptive behaviour, including the continual refusal to participate in the programmed activity and or preventing others from participating.
6. Behaving in an unkind or disrespectful manner towards other members, Leaders, helpers or visitors – including ignoring requests to be quiet at appropriate times.
7. The deliberate damage of property belonging to the Group, another member, Leader or visitor.
8. Not wearing correct uniform, fully buttoned, at appropriate times during meetings.

Course of Action

Should any member of the Scout Troop behave in way which the Section Leader considers unacceptable, any of the following actions may result:

Verbal reprimand and/or instruction. This may be delivered by Troop members and/or Leaders.

Being sent away. Individuals may be asked to leave the meeting immediately. Upon leaving the meeting, they will not be supervised by a member of the Scout Group: They will be expected to travel home in their normal manner i.e. make their own way home by foot or cycle, or wait outside for someone to pick them up.

Dismissal. If an individual is asked to leave the meeting on more than one occasion, or their behavior was deemed a safety hazard, their Leader and the Group Scout Leader may decide to dismiss them. Their parent will be informed of their dismissal. In the case of dismissal, no refund is payable by the Scout Group.

Suspension. Where the offending behavior presents a safety hazard, the Leader, Group Scout Leader and District Commissioner may in some instances decide to suspend the individual whilst safety measures are explored with their parent/carer. Their parent will receive written notice of their suspension. In the case of suspension, no refund is payable by the Scout Group.



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Each member is required to complete and sign the agreement below, which should be counter-signed by a parent/guardian and returned to their Section Leader. This will then be kept on file until the member leaves the Troop.

Scout's statement

I have read, understood and agree to abide by the 1st Deben Valley Scout Group's Code of Conduct.

Scout's name.....

Signature..... Date.....

Parent's statement

I am the Parent/Carer of the Scout or Cub named above. I have read and agree to support the 1st Deben Valley Scout Group's Code of Conduct.

I am / am not be willing to assist at Scouts if requested.

Parent Name.....

Signature..... Date.....

(Please complete and return this page to the Section Leader)