

19th Maidenhead Scout Group – Cookham day hike for Beavers

Monday 3rd August 11-4pm

Covid-19 restarting face to face Scouting risk assessment

The purpose of this risk assessment is to prepare for the restart of face to face Scouting under the COVID-19 guidelines, whilst still managing the risk and to put the right training interventions into the Scout programme so that Scouts learn how to manage risks themselves.

This risk assessment will cover a specific activity – in this case Beavers Cookham day hike



Name of Section or Activity	19 th Maidenhead Cubs	Date of risk assessment	26/7/20	Name of who undertook this risk assessment	Loz Marchant	COVID-19 readiness level transition	Red to Amber
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Hazard Identified? / Risks from it?	Who is at risk?	How the risks are already controlled? What extra controls are needed?	What has changed that needs to be thought about and controlled?
COVID-19			
Maintaining social distance during the process of collecting equipment for the activity from the Scout stores: higher risk of infection spread if social distancing not maintained.	Leaders and other adults and Beavers	No equipment required – No High viz required as it will not be dark and we have small numbers to monitor. Beavers will be asked to bring their own drink, packed lunch, sun cream and sun hat and hand sanitiser. Beavers will be lead along the usual route of the District Cubs hike in 2 small groups of 6. This will be at a slower pace than the Cubs and so more time and breaks is built into the day.	<i>Keep checking throughout the activity in case you need to change it...or even stop it! This is a great place to add comments which will be used as part of the review.</i>
Maintaining social distance at drop off and pick up: higher risk of infection spread if social distancing not maintained.	All group members	Drop off at Cookham Train station car park – parents to drop children off one at a time. Parents will be asked to drop Beavers off and collect from Cookham railway station car park (The section nearest to Costa Coffee) After consent has been received from the parents or guardians, they will be asked to keep socially distanced at arrival and on pick up. Limit size of groups to 15 including adults.	

Maintaining social distance during meeting: higher risk of infection spread if social distancing not maintained.	All group members	We will limit group sizes to the maximum of 12 Beavers and 3 adults, with social distancing in place. We will continue to remind and encourage children to socially distance as they move around. On arrival at their activity area, before being briefed on the activity in their individual groups, the young people will be reminded of the social distancing rules that have been agreed with their parents/carers.	
Young people stepping outside the social distancing agreed, increasing the chances of the virus spreading	All group members	Where a young person breaks the distancing, a leader should separate as soon as possible from their group. Those involved should then sanitise their hands. If this is a major breach of distancing eg: a bundle/fight, then the incident will need to be recorded by the leaders and the parents/carers should be informed. If the young person repeatedly breaks distancing they may not be allowed to return to face to face meetings for a period defined by the section leader and GSL/AGSL.	
Hygiene of people: higher risk of infection spread if proper hand washing not carried out.	All group members	All involved will be provided with hand sanitiser, on arrival, departure and during as required. Beavers will stop for lunch on Cock Marsh. Young people will be distanced and provided with hand sanitizer before and after eating.	
Hygiene of activity equipment: Higher risk of infection spread if hygiene not carried out.	All group members	No equipment for this activity, only equipment will be brought by the Beavers themselves.	
Use of outdoor spaces: uneven ground, access to space less controlled, cannot be cleaned.	All group members	Controls could include: choice of location appropriate to activity, briefing to leaders and young people on boundaries, checks on the location ahead of use by leaders, hand washing where possible or hand sanitising for all participants.	
Hygiene of toilets: higher risk of infection spread if hygiene not carried out.	All group members	There are no easily accessible toilets on the walk of on the walk and it would also depend on if they are open at the time of activity. All group members attending who need to go will be directed to discreet locations in the bushes, and also need to wash hands afterwards. Parents are asked to remind young people to use the toilet before attending.	
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Designated parking Cookham train station carpark	All group members plus local residents	Reminders to keep socially distanced at drop off. Encourage use of bikes if possible.	
Activity risks			
Children falling over, minor accidents.	Beavers	Leaders to carry first aid equipment, contact numbers for numbers and hand sanitiser. First Aid equipment will include a mask, apron and disposable gloves. Parents will be reminded of the need to be keep up to date contact information on OSM and to be contactable at all times during the activity, in case they need to be picked up.	
Stinging insects and nettles	Beavers	Parents need to be regularly reminded of the importance of updating us on any allergies that Beavers have.	
Wandering off/ getting lost		Enough adult supervision 3 adults to 12 children. Children will be informed of boundaries and to stay within the boundaries of the designated pathway.	
Depending on timings Young People may be given additional time to play in the Woods at Winter Hill Viewpoint.		Reminders about social distancing while playing, following rules and returning to the set off point at the time requested.	
Review: This risk assessment is for a section to move from one COVID Readiness alert level to the next, an additional risk assessment should be produced for each move proposed.			

Checked by Line Manager	Name - Kim Nicholas Role - GSL 26 July 2020	Checked by Executive	Name, Andy Paw Role / level Chairman Date 26 July 2020
Approved by Commissioner	Name, Role / level Date	Approved by Executive	Name, Role / level Date
Notification of level change	Date and by who		

Additional information can be found in the *Safety Checklist for Leaders* and other information at scouts.org.uk/safety