



1st Belper Scout Group

Admissions Policy

1st Belper Scout Group is extremely popular and unfortunately, there is not enough room for all children that wish to become members of the group. This policy sets out how prospective members are given priority. This policy only applies to 1st Belper Scout Group, other groups within our district will have different policies.

We accept and encourage diversity, and accept males and females of any race, colour and religion. Children must be between 6 and 14 years of age. Adults can range from 18 years upwards but must have a valid Scout Association Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check before joining. We do not accept DBS checks from any other organisation.

To see if places are available, you must contact the Group Scout Leader (gsl@firstbelper.org.uk) as they are the only person who maintains and monitors the numbers in each section of the group. You will be expected to provide personal details in order for us to keep you on our joining list. Our joining list is where we have informed you that a place will be available when your child is a certain age and that there will be sufficient space in subsequent sections of the group as they get older e.g. a prospective child of Beaver age can only join if projected figures show that we will have space for them in Cubs and Scouts when they are the age to move on. Consequently, once a child joins 1st Belper Scout Group, they will automatically move between our sections. Siblings of current members will need to follow the same procedure if they want to join the group.

If there is insufficient space, prospective members will be placed on the District waiting list...accessible by all the groups in Belper District. Parents will confirm agreement to this by providing sufficient personal details in order to be registered on this list. Any group in Belper District that has spaces can access the list and offer places accordingly.

If 1st Belper get any spare places, they are allocated on a 'similar age' basis to keep our section numbers in line with our projections. e.g. if we have a 9 year old cub leave, we will look at the District waiting list for another nine year old to take their place. We do not give children immediate priority if their parents say that they will become leaders. However, if an adult chooses to be a volunteer and partake of Adult Leader Training (takes between 18 months and 5 years), then we will give extra consideration to their children once they have completed the training.

Under scout rules, if a young person, who is already in the Scout Movement, moves into the Belper and District area from another scout district, then we will offer places wherever possible, regardless of the waiting list.

Whilst scouting is open to everyone, admission to a child with special needs/disabilities will be at the discretion of the section leader and the Group Scout Leader after a trial period. This is because we cannot provide one to one care during meetings (we do not have enough volunteers to do this) so if support is needed, or becomes a necessity in the future, the expectation is that a parent or carer attends the meetings/events to provide the extra help needed. It should also be noted that we are a two storey building in a conservation area with no means of providing disabled access to the second floor. There are other groups in the town with disabled facilities.

Should a parent or guardian wish to appeal against any decision, they must contact the Group Scout Leader, gsl@firstbelper.org.uk, whose decision will be final.

Agreed at the Executive Committee Meeting held 30th April 2018.