

Explorers Attendance Policy

1. Purpose

This policy is designed to encourage regular attendance, support the engagement of all young people, and ensure places within the Explorer Scout Unit are used effectively.

2. Scope

This policy applies to all Explorer Scouts registered with the Unit.

3. Expected Attendance

Explorer Scouts are expected to attend weekly Friday meetings and activities wherever possible. We recognise that young people may occasionally be unable to attend due to extra-curricular commitments, family circumstances, illness, or other valid reasons.

4. Non-Attendance Procedure

Attendance will be monitored on a rolling basis according to the following stages:

Stage 1 – Attendance Reminder

If an Explorer Scout does not attend **three (3) consecutive Friday meetings**, an **email reminder** will be sent to their parent/carer. The purpose of this email is to check in, offer support, and encourage a return to meetings.

Stage 2 – Loss of Membership

If, following the Stage 1 reminder, the Explorer Scout does not attend a **further three (3) consecutive Friday meetings** (a total of six consecutive Fridays with no attendance), their **membership of the Explorer Scout Unit will be ended**.

5. Rejoining the Unit

- Young people who lose membership due to non-attendance may request to rejoin the Unit in the future by joining the Waiting List.

6. Exceptional Circumstances

- The Unit Leadership Team may use discretion where there are known or exceptional circumstances.
- Explorers or parents/carers are encouraged to communicate with leaders in advance or as soon as possible if extended absence is expected.