

# Warminster Scout Group – Joining Policy

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This policy applies to the Beavers, Cubs and Scout sections within the Warminster Scout Group. In order to enable us to effectively and fairly manage the fluctuating numbers of children joining and moving within the Warminster Scout Group we operate a joining policy. This joining policy is operated without discrimination in relation to race, colour, gender, education, national origin, religion or creed, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression.

Places becoming available within the Warminster Scout Group are allocated in the following order of priority:

- 1. To those existing members of the Warminster Scout Group moving between sections*
- 2. To those of current uniformed Leaders or formal Section Assistants, Instructors, and other key roles within the Group, including new adults joining the Group in these roles (NB: Adults coming into the Group need to commit to taking up their role, completing the appropriate training modules 1 & 3, and completing 'validation' before their child/children can be accepted in the term following 'validation'. For more information please see the 'Volunteering' page on the group website:  
<http://www.warminsterscoutgroup.co.uk/volunteering.html>*
- 3. With siblings already invested in the Warminster Scout Group*
- 4. Who are current invested members of another Scout Group, according to the date of applying to join Warminster Scout Group*
- 5. All others not covered by the above criteria, in order of date of applying to join Warminster Scout Group*

The joining policy is also used in conjunction with any waitlisting. This means that it is possible that children who are added to any applicable waiting list may end up as a lower priority than children who apply to join the waitlist at a later stage. In this case the higher priority children will be offered an available place before the lower priority children