



Getting everyone back together safely

Bristol South District Scout Executive recognises that the safety of everyone involved in Scouts, both young people and adults, is our number one priority. That is always at the heart of our decision making.

Below is the framework and set of guidance on how elements of face to face Scouts can take place and the safety measures we all need to consider. You can review this guidance now and start to make plans for how you would implement some face to face activities.

[Check what the latest readiness level is in England](#)

[Readiness levels across the UK](#)

The Scouts Framework – for face to face activities The Scouts Framework is aligned with Government-approved guidance for the Youth Sector developed by the *National Youth Agency*. This framework will apply in every nation within UK Scouting and walks through: – the permissions process for restarting any face to face activity – the key considerations to be ready to restart face-to-face activities and how these will be phased – Legal and liability conditions – Key control measures for everyone to follow

[Read the Framework here](#)

Getting back together safely: The COVID Code

1. A COVID-safe risk assessment has been completed and we have communicated control measures to volunteers, young people and parents and all are encouraged to raise concerns
2. Additional hygiene measures are in place
3. Social Distancing will be observed (check current distance determined by your Government)
4. Maximum group sizes will be limited and determined by scouts.org.uk and members will be consistent where possible
5. Make adjustments for young people and adults vulnerable or affected by COVID, and consult to make sure return plans are accessible and inclusive

In line with government-approved Youth Sector Guidance, we will see a phased approach to returning to face-to-face Scout meetings and activities.

This is broken down by four levels:

- Red, for when the rate of infection remains consistent or growing
- Amber, for when the rate of infection is reducing consistently
- Yellow, for when there are very few cases in the population and a full track and trace system is operational
- Green, for when there are no new cases or there is a vaccine readily available.

Readiness level	NYA level	Scout level
Red Rate of infection is remaining consistent or growing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online and digital youth services • Detached youth services and 1-2-1 sessions with vulnerable young people outdoors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Digital programme delivery • No face-to-face activity or meetings • No residential activities
Amber Rate of infection is reducing consistently in all parts of the country	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online and digital youth services • Small group sessions can take place 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Digital programme delivery • Small group sessions can take place outdoors • No residential activities
Yellow Number of cases low and decreasing, full Track and Trace system in place	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online and digital youth services • Indoor group sessions can take place • Outdoor learning, trips and visits 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Digital programme delivery • Small group sessions can take place indoors and outdoors • No residential activities
Green No new cases or a vaccine is readily available	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All services open as per normal yearly operations • Overnight trips and visits allowed • International travel allowed within FCO advice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All activities can resume in line with government guidance

The District Commissioner and District Executive need to be assured that all necessary checks, controls and preparations have been considered and adopted before agreeing that any face-to-face Scout meetings or activities may take place in each Scout Group and Unit within their District.

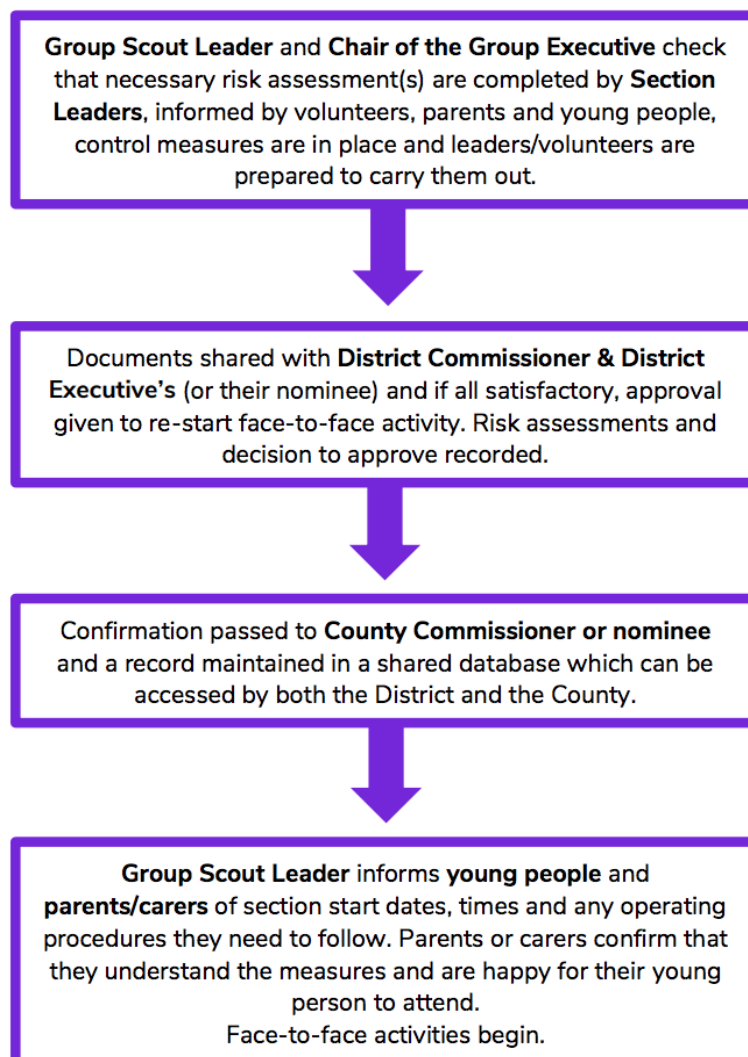
Bristol South District Executive Committee have nominees who will approve Group Risk assessments.

Please submit your sections Risk Assessments for District Approval to Scott Stowell (DC) in the first instance who will forward them to the relevant nominee(s) who will be assigned to your Group and contact you accordingly.

Everyone needs to assess and manage the risks of COVID-19. Volunteer line managers have a legal responsibility to protect other volunteers, young people and those who come into contact with the groups from risk to their health. This means we need to assess the risks we face and do everything reasonably practicable to minimise them. At the same time, we need to recognise that we cannot completely eliminate the risk of COVID-19. Districts are responsible for supporting leaders to have rigorous written assessments and achievable action plans.

As Scouts, we deliver a range of activities in a range of environments. Each group must complete a written risk assessment and action plan for each section and for every environment they wish to operate in. The risk assessments used to authorise re-starting face-to-face activities are for the place or environment a section is planning to operate in. If that environment or place changes significantly enough for the risks to change, a new risk assessment must be completed and authorisation sought. These risk assessments do not replace regular weekly risk assessments in relation to specific activities, these should be complementary.

Note: The Group Scout Leadership Team should review these risk assessments regularly, or when Government guidance and NYA readiness levels change. They should record any adjustments and update the District with the date of the latest review.



Guidance for completing risk assessments and approving face to face activity

Guidance for Leaders – Developing your risk assessments for returning to Face to Face Activity.

For any face to face activity to start written risk assessments will need to be completed and approved by Bristol South District Management Team.

[Read the Guidance](#)

[COVID Risk Assessment Template](#)

[EDITABLE COVID Risk Assessment Template](#)

Guidance for District Commissioners and District Executives – Approving local face to face activity

Guidance to support Commissioners and Executive Committees approve local face to face activity and a checklist list to support Commissioner and Executives who are approving the risk assessments

[Read the Guidance](#)

[Checklist](#)

The Guidance and support sections below are to help you plan the practical sides of some face to face Scout activity. The guidance covers a range of different situations you may want to plan for and talks you through what needs to be considered when you are preparing for safe return to face to face. This will support you in completing the written risk assessment required to have any face to face activity approved.

Planning a safe and enjoyable programme

[Guidance for Planning a safe and enjoyable programme](#)

Speaking with parents, carers and young people

[Guidance for Speaking with parents, carers and young people](#)

Getting everyone there safely

[Guidance for Getting everyone there safely](#)

Working safely with the public

[Guidance for Working safely with the public](#)

Knowing what to do if something goes wrong – including first aid

[Guidance for Knowing what to do if something goes wrong](#)

Supporting those made more vulnerable by the crisis

[Guidance for Supporting those made more vulnerable](#)

Protecting ourselves and others

Guidance for Protecting ourselves and others

What to do when our buildings are used by others

Guidance for What to do when our buildings are used by others

Keeping our buildings safe and secure

Guidance for Keeping our buildings safe and secure

Finding a safe place to meet

Guidance for Finding a safe place to meet

Getting Scouts back into the great outdoors – campsites and activity centres

*Guidance for – Getting **Scouts** back into the great outdoors*

Helping others get back into the great outdoors – opening campsites and activity centres for the public and third parties

*Guidance for Helping **Others** get back into the great outdoors*

Date	Revised Issue	Reason for issue change
6/08/2020	1	Originally uploaded to District website
10/08/2020	2	New Hyperlink added showing regional readiness levels across the UK

For further guidance, if required, please visit the [UK Scouts Coronavirus page](#).