

Waiting List Policy

1st Datchet Sea Scouts Group is open to boys and girls between the ages of 5¾ and 14½ years old. Depending on the availability of spaces in each section, you may be required to join a waiting list.

All applications to join the group should be submitted via [the join page on our website](#). You will then be contacted by the group and instructed as to whether you are required to join a waiting list.

How to join the waiting list

If you are required to join the waiting list, complete and return the form emailed to you following your initial enquiry and leave the rest to us. Don't forget to inform us if any of your information changes.

You can apply to join the waiting list for a specific section before your child becomes the age required to join that section (i.e. Beavers can apply to join before they are 6 years old, Cubs before they are 8 years old and Scouts before they are 10.5 years old).

Selection Criteria

Priority will be given to members within the group moving up between sections (i.e. Beavers to Cubs, Cubs to Scouts). Following on from that, should a place become available, it will be offered based on the following priorities:

- 1) If you have a sibling currently already a member of 1st Datchet Sea Scout Group.
- 2) Parents affiliated with 1st Datchet Sea Scout Group as Uniformed Leaders, Section Assistants or members of the Group Executive Committee.
- 3) The date that you applied to join the waiting list, based on a first come, first served basis.

Once a place becomes available for your child then you will be contacted by the group. If we are not able to contact you then the place will be offered to the next person on the list.

Admission to the group can occur at any time during the year, so as soon as a place becomes available then it will be offered out immediately.

If a child misses [three consecutive meetings](#) or [attends 50% or fewer meetings in one term](#) without giving us prior notice, or [fails to keep up with subscription payments](#) then their place may be withdrawn and offered to someone on the waiting list. The Group is able to offer some assistance to those in financial difficulties as long as this is communicated to us sufficiently.

Current members of the Scout Association looking to move from another group may be required to join the waiting list if spaces are not available in their required section.

Final decision on the selection process for each section rests with the Group Scout Leader who can be contacted by email at gsl@1stdatchet.org.uk.

Interested In Helping Us?

1st Datchet would not be able to run the amazing outdoor and adventurous activities that we offer our young people without the support of our volunteers. With every new member looking to join the Group we ask whether their parents / guardians would be able to support the Group in one of the following ways:

As A Uniformed Leader

Commitment – 2-3 hours per week with the addition of programme / camp planning time
Criminal Record Check required. Training provided. First uniform provided.

Our Uniformed Leaders are responsible for managing and leading the operation of the Section (Beavers, Cubs or Scouts). In particular, the planning and delivery of a balanced programme, with the help of other Uniformed Leaders, Section Assistants, Young Leaders and the young people themselves. The Uniformed Leaders are not only responsible for planning the weekly programme, but also for planning and running camps and other offsite activities as well as managing members records.

As A Section Assistants

Commitment – 2-3 hours per week
Criminal Record Check required. Training provided. **No previous experience required.**

As a Section Assistant you may not necessarily be involved in the planning of the weekly programme or camps, but would be required to assist the Uniformed Leaders in delivering the programme to the young people in your section as required. Section Assistants are welcome to wear uniform but it is not a requirement and assistance can be offered when you are available / needed, rather than on a regular basis.

As A Member of the Group Executive Committee

Commitment – 4-5 meetings per year (normally a Wednesday evening) and one AGM

The Group Executive Committee in Scouting is like a board of governors in a school; essentially it makes sure that the best quality Scouting is delivered to the young people within the Group. The volunteers that make up the Committee give their time to ensure that Scouting continues to meet its charitable purpose: safely and legally.

As a member of the Group Executive Committee you will discuss the operation of the Group, give an input on finance allocation, help make decisions on promoting the Group in the local area and ensure that the Group is fulfilling the expectations of its members.

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Help With Fundraising

Commitment – Can vary, but normally 6-7 events per year

The Group would not be able to function without the various fundraising events that we take part in throughout the year. As a Sea Scout Group we are able to provide a lot of activities to our members that monthly subscription payments alone cannot cover the cost of.

Volunteers that help with fundraising would be required to help at some of the local fundraising events that we take part in, such as running two stalls at the Langley Carnival and Datchet Fete and handing out water at the Windsor Half Marathon. We also run some of our own fundraising events, such as Race Nights and Quiz Nights, Sponsored Events and our Annual Fireworks Night, which attracts almost 400 people.

Volunteers may be required to help organise, set up, run and / or clear up after these events with the help of the leader team and our young people.

Help With Maintenance of Scout Facilities

Commitment – As required, normally twice a year.

Our leaders not only run weekly activities for our members, plan camps and activities away and maintain all of our records, they also play a big role in helping to look after and maintain the facilities that we use.

With the help of parents and friends of the Group we try to organise work days twice a year where we aim to fix, clean and paint our headquarters to ensure that it is a welcoming place for everyone that uses it. Any assistance is greatly appreciated, whatever skills or equipment you may be able to provide to make the job easier.

As we also make great use of Kingsmead Sailing Club during the Spring / Summer we are also responsible for helping them to maintain their facilities and normally attend at least one of their work days a year.

If you would like any more information about any of the roles above, please contact the Group Scout Leader via email at gsl@1stdatchet.org.uk or visit www.1stdatchet.org.uk.