

1st Linton Scout Group

ADMISSIONS POLICY

This document outlines the policy for allocating places to Young People within the three sections. It has evolved over many years and has been agreed by the 1st Linton Scout Executive Committee.

Admission to any section within the Group is at the discretion of the Group Scout Leader (GSL) and our policy is to try to balance the criteria given below, and offer places that will maximise the benefits both to those joining the Group and existing members.

The 1st Linton Scout Group has more young people wishing to join than places available, especially Beaver age children. To manage this we have a Waiting List.

Method

The waiting list is maintained by 1st Linton Scouts Group. It is the parents' responsibility to register their child on the waiting list in writing using the correct form available from www.lintonscouts.co.uk. Verbal requests to any group leader or committee member are not acceptable. Parents' must take responsibility for ensuring that contact details are up to date.

Parents will be contacted as spaces become available and their child reaches the appropriate age.

Over subscription

When the number of children on the waiting list exceeds the number of places available, the following criteria will be applied, in this order and this relates to all sections:

1. Places will be given to a child if the parent is, or becomes a uniformed Leader and is prepared to undergo minimal training.
2. Places will be given to a child if a parent is, or will hold the position of Chairman, Treasurer or Secretary of the 1st Linton Group Scout Executive.
3. Places will be given to siblings of existing children in the group, however if not on the waiting list, at the discretion of the GSL.
4. Places will be given to those on a 'first on the waiting list' basis but with the following proviso:
 - Children should reside in Linton or Bartlow, Cambridgeshire. Admissions will also be considered from Hadstock, Horseheath, Hildersham, The Camps, Balsham, Abington or other local villages in Cambridgeshire within 10 miles of Linton, Cambridgeshire subject to availability.
 - Children living in the locality for other Scout Groups where *all* Sections are active will only be admitted to 1st Linton Scout Group our numbers allow.
 - Children living in the locality for other local Scout Groups where the Beaver Colony is *non active* but a Cub Pack and Scout section are; admission will be restricted to up to three children wishing to join Beavers, subject to availability.

5. Moving up from one section to another. This will happen automatically as places allow after as child reaches the appropriate age as numbers allows.
6. Young people who move into the area who are already invested into the Scout movement will be offered places wherever possible, regardless of the waiting list. Local villages where Sections are active may not transfer to Linton unless spaces are available and then at the discretion of the GSL.

Leaving the Group

If a parent wishes to withdraw their child from 1st Linton Scout Group they should write to the appropriate section leader to confirm this decision.

Non-attendance

If a child does not attend their group for 6 weeks without notifying the section leader, their place may be offered to another young person on the waiting list.

Equality of Opportunity

Our group is open to all young people, in line with the Scout Association's Equal Opportunities Policy.

To support young people with special needs admission will be subject to a Needs Assessment to ensure that we are able to meet all needs. This will be conducted at the discretion of the Group Scout Leader and Section Leaders and in negotiation with the young person's parents or carers. Places may be subject to the provision of additional adult supervision and on the basis of a trial period.

Appeal

If a parent wishes to appeal this policy they are invited to make a representation in writing to the GSL and if unsuccessful, the 1st Linton Scout Executive Committee where a final decision will be made.

This policy was adopted by 1st Linton Scout Group at a meeting of the 1st Linton Executive Committee.