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Dear Scouts & Scouters,

An inquest into the death of Aoife Winterlich was held at Dublin Coroner's Court yesterday. This will, understandably, have been a difficult day for Aoife's family and for all those scouts and leaders who were at Hook Head on the day of Aoife's accident.

The welfare and safety of all our members and volunteers is of paramount importance to us. As part of the inquest process the coroner asked Scouting Ireland to explain the safety procedures we have in place when undertaking scout trips and events. You may have seen some of these comments subsequently reported in the media. The procedures are comprehensive and designed to be age appropriate to the groups within our organisation. The court has now adjourned until October 10th when it will hear more evidence.

As always, our thoughts continue to be with Aoife's mother and family who mourn her loss of a beloved daughter and sister.

Yours in Scouting

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