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Re: Roadmap for return to Scouting

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Dear Member,

What wonderful weather we are having and its so hard that we cannot be out with our Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Ventures and Rovers. We, along with others in the voluntary sector, have been working closely with the Department of Children and Youth to develop our next steps and to begin the gradual return to 'normal' activities.

Today we publish *Getting Back to Scouting Roadmap V1*. This is a guidance and is built on some of our core strengths and being flexible in our planning:

Social Distancing: Following Social Distancing Protocols and Governments restrictions at all times while trying to maximise Scouting for the benefit of our youth members.

Voluntary: It will be voluntary for all members, youths and adults. Members will be able to start participating when they and you feel it is safe and right to do so.

Small team: Activity can use small groups starting with a single small group, then moving to two small groups and finally full sections. As the small groups join up into larger groups, activities will be through the small groups to minimize close contacts.

Outside: We will emphasise outside activities over the Summer and into the Autumn. Many Beavers and Cubs sections stop during the summer, but this COVID summer some groups may consider offering programmes during July and August.

Youth and Adults: Before we can have new style, indoor meetings consider how in Scout and Venture Scout Sections you can will continue with the online environment to create a new blended scouting model to further reduce the risk of viral spread.

We have done our best to cover everything in our roadmap, however it is not set in stone and will have further updates over the coming weeks and months. At the heart of our advices we will firstly have the safety of our youth and volunteers. All suggestions in the roadmap are voluntary and are to be used as a guideline not a target.

We are concerned for the health and wellbeing of our young people, they have been isolated from their friends, they have not attended school since March, they do not have summer holidays to look forward to. Many Scout Leaders have been keeping in touch with their members and many have been involved in their communities. With this *Getting Back to Scouting Roadmap V1.0* you can plan your return to outdoor and indoor activities. All departments in the National office are operational and we want to assist groups in any way we can, give us a call if you need any further information.

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