



6th CHRISTCHURCH (BRANGSORE) SCOUT GROUP

MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS RULES

As of Jan 2009

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Rules

The first time the child joins the Group, the first few weeks are free. For a normal joining date of the start of a term, subscriptions become payable from 1 October, 1 February or 1 May, whichever is applicable, assuming the child goes on to enrol. Decisions to enrol should be made by the half-term break of that school term. Children starting at any other time also have a few weeks free and the date subscriptions become payable will be notified via the section leader.

Subs continue to be payable whilst the child is in the Group, whichever section they are in, including when they have moved up a section but have not yet enrolled in that section.

Subs are £110 per annum (based on £10 per month excluding August), regardless of attendance, for all three sections.

If a child chooses not to attend for a period, this should be agreed, in advance, with the relevant section leader. As every section has a waiting list, subs must continue to be paid if the place is to be held.

Any child not attending for the third consecutive meeting, without any prior agreement with the relevant section leader, will be deemed as having left.

Payment methods

The preferred method to pay subscriptions is by standing order, split over 12 months as £9.18 per month, asking your bank to quote a reference of the child's name. (This helps to sort out siblings, and children and bank accounts with different surnames.)

When the child leaves the group, it is the parents' responsibility to stop the standing order. Payment is expected for any part of a month attended, unless the child left after moving up a section and before enrolling in that new section. In this case, payment is expected up until the end of the month in which they left the previous section. Refunds may be requested if this is not done promptly. If it is spotted by the Group Treasurer that a standing order is still in force, a reminder will be sent. No refunds will be agreed for any payments still being received one month after a reminder.

Whilst we would encourage everyone to pay monthly by standing order, we understand that there may be circumstances that require a different method of payment. This should be discussed with the Group Treasurer.

Gift Aid

The group claims Gift Aid tax relief on all subscriptions, which enables us to keep the subscriptions at a low rate. The alternative is fund-raising and asking for more parental support.

Claiming the Gift Aid is a simple process if parents, along with paying by standing order, complete a Gift Aid declaration when the child joins the group. However, this is dependent on the donor paying at least £22 income tax per annum. Without this form we cannot make a claim. Only one form per family is required, not one for each child. The declaration will automatically lapse when the child leaves the Group.

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