



3<sup>rd</sup> Epsom (St.Martin's) Scout Group  
Going Up



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Your daughter or son is now approaching the age to transfer to the next section in the Scout Group. Beavers normally transfer at the age of 8, Cubs at the age of 10 ½ and Scouts the age of 14. However it is recognised that children mature at different ages and that they also like to move on with their friends. There are therefore minimum and maximum ages for each section:

- Beavers can be between 5 ¾ and 8 ½
- Cubs can be between 7 ½ and 11
- Scouts can be between 10 and 14 ½
- Explorers can be between 13 ½ and 18

Please discuss with the section leaders the most appropriate time for your child to move on.

Within the 3<sup>rd</sup> Epsom Group the four Sections meet as follows:

- Beavers meet Thursday evenings between 5.00 and 6.00pm
- Cubs meet Thursday evenings between 6.15 and 7.45pm
- Scouts meet Thursday evenings between 7.15 and 9.00pm
- Explorers meet Thursday evenings between 7.45 and 9.30pm

All sections meet in our own Scout Headquarters (HQ) behind the St John Chandler Hall off Church Road in Epsom and also in the Forge behind the building (Post Code: KT17 4AB).



### Moving On Award

As part of moving on to the next section your child will gain the 'Moving On' award. This typically involves them finding out about the next section, participating in activities with the next section and renewing their promise in the next section.

Sometimes during this period (2-4 weeks) your child may attend meetings for both sections (or at least part of the evening). Please talk to the section leaders as to what is appropriate for your child.

### Uniform

Now that your child is moving up to the next section they will need some new Uniform. For Cubs this is a green Cub jumper and Scout activity trousers. Shoes should be suitable for playing games (e.g. trainers). For Scouts this is a green Scout shirt, activity trousers (these are the same as the Cub activity trousers) and a Scout belt. Shoes can be trainers unless we ask for smart uniform in which case they should be black school shoes. For Explorers this is a beige Scout shirt, activity trousers and Scout belt. Shoes can be trainers unless we ask for smart uniform in which case they should be black school shoes

Beaver, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers can also wear the Group T-shirt, however we ask that they wear the T-shirt under their uniform top. They can then remove their uniform top after the starting ceremony for games and activities and put their uniform top back on for the closing ceremony. Official Scout activity shorts are also available as are skirts. We also have an optional Group hoodie which can be purchased from the leaders.

If you do not wish to keep your child's old uniform (e.g. Beavers, Cubs or Scouts) please consider donating it to the Group so that we can sell or give it second hand.

You can transfer your child's badges from their old uniform to new section uniform or alternatively a new set of County, District, Name Tape and World Badge can be purchased from the Group for £5. You can also transfer their Stages Activity Badges (purple edging), highest Joining In Award (year stars) and Chief Scout Award to their new uniform. Alternatively replacements can also be purchased from the Group.

### Scout Shop

All uniform (apart from the Group scarf, T-shirt and hoodie) can be purchased from the Scout Shop at 22 The Broadway, Stoneleigh KT17 2HU. This is open on Mondays 2.00 – 5.00pm, Wednesdays 2.00 – 7.00pm and Saturday 9.30 – 12.00 noon.

### Online Scout Manager

Online Scout Manager, also known as Parnet Portal, is the tool used by all sections of the Group to record information about the members of the Group. The system allows parents to access the system meaning that they can see various details for their children such as personal details, events and awarded badges. As you child transfer sections their details will transfer automatically but we request that you check that emergency contact information and medical details are still up to date.



Parents can also find out where the badges go on their new uniform, and access their new section calendar (programme and events) which can be downloaded to smart phones. Parents can check and update their children's details on the system and respond to the future emails about various events throughout the year.

### GDPR

The 3rd Epsom (St. Martins) Scout Group, like lots of other organisations, has published guidance to its members around how it handles data. The majority of our data is stored within Online Scout Manager (OSM) also known as My.Scout. The tool is itself [GDPR compliant](#) and allows all members of the Group to keep their information up-to-date. All this data is required for legitimate reasons to manage the various sections of the Scout Group. Other data is also requested, for example Health Forms for camps, and is handled appropriately and destroyed when no longer required.



Full details of our policies are on our [web site](#). If you have any concerns or comments please contact the Group Scout Leader, Richard Ascough.

### Web Site and Facebook

As you child transfers sections please do request access to the closed facebook group for the new section to keep up to date with last minute information about changes to the programme and photographs of activities undertaken. Please search for 3rd Epsom and request access.

The web site also contains the location of their new badges and other information about the Scout Group.