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Welcome to Ash Green Scout Group

Dear Parent/Guardian,

I am delighted your child has shown an interest in joining Ash Green Scout Group. Scouting is a wonderful activity aimed at raising ability and developing confidence. This Welcome Pack aims to give you information about the Group.

It is vital that you provide us with your email and mobile phone number and inform us immediately of any changes. The majority of communication from the group will be via email, text, or on our closed Facebook page which (if you are member of Facebook) you can apply to join.

The monthly subs are £15 which covers insurance, hall hire, materials for programme nights and all badges gained after joining*. We collect **all subs by Standing Order or Bank Faster Payment (only)** on the first of each month. Cams and activities can be paid by cash, cheque or debit card. If you have any concerns regarding payment, please speak in confidence to either myself or your section leader.

You will also find a Photo Permission form. It is very important that you complete this and return to your leader ASAP. **The Gift Aid form is also very important.** If the person paying the subs for the child is a UK tax payer, the Group can claim Gift Aid on the subs paid and this brings in significant extra funds for the Group. If you pay tax please, please, complete this!

You can view you child's Section programme and details of any special dates or outings on our Facebook pages.

Uniform can be bought from the official Scout Shop on the internet or possibly at John Lewis. Ebay is another good starting point. From time to time we also offer second hand uniform at £5 per item. See our notice board for current availability.

It is also vital to the Group that all children and parents/carers participate in the Group's fundraising efforts. Fundraising monies go direct to the Group and benefit your child. Exceptionally, a fundraising effort may be for another beneficiary – in which case, you will always be notified in advance. We also encourage all parents/carers to help at meetings and events as and whenever they can.

If you feel you could become a regular helper, or even a uniformed leader, you will be required to complete a DBS form which checks for any criminal history. DBS checks are completely confidential and no-one within the Group will see any details. I will be advised of the outcome only.

I hope your child has a long and happy time with Ash Green Scouts.

Kind regards

Michael Banks

Group Lead Volunteer (formerly Group Scout Leader)

**Unfortunately due to cost of badges only one will be issued by the group. Lost badges can be replaced at £1 per badge.*