



Returning to Scouting Outdoor Only

In order to return to face-to-face Scouting there are a number of things that need to be satisfied. No Section can return before explicit approval has been given by the District Commissioner or their specified delegates.

This document contains links to guidance and templates to help you prepare for your Section's return. Further [Guidance for Leaders](#) is available from The Scout Association which contains a broader checklist of best practice for you to work through if you wish.

Pre Preparation



Are all your Leaders happy to return?

If you have Leaders who are shielding please ensure they are included in your plans and communications.



Training: Are all your Leaders up to date with Module 01, Safety and Safeguarding training and have had it validated?

[Click here to link to Compass](#)

Need help with Training? Ask your [Local Training Manager](#)

So once you have Leaders available and trained, preparation needs to start for the return.

Preparation

There are a few things you need to do as follows:



Follow the readiness level. The current national readiness level is found here. If the status changes, be prepared to change your plans with **immediate effect**.



Update OSM - Ensure you remove members no longer attending and make sure all records have correct contact details. Invite parents to update their details - click to see a "how to" video.



Plan your potential meetings - Think about where you will be, who will attend and what you need to take with you. Remember to consult with your parents and young people to ensure your plans meet your Section's needs.



Write your Risk Assessment(s). Remember to include Coronavirus safeguards such as PPE and distancing. You can use your own form, but a national template can be found here. You can do individual activity Risk Assessments with Coronavirus added in or a standalone Coronavirus Risk Assessment, which would be advisable.



Once checked by your GSL / DESC, submit your Risk Assessment(s) for approval by clicking here. The Approver is "**West Devon District Team**" with the email address WDRiskAssessment@devonscouts.org.uk. A copy of your Risk Assessment(s) may be held at a national level.



Await confirmation of approval from the District Team.

If your assessment is not approved, you will be given details on how you need to change it. Remember this is not a criticism but mandatory areas must be covered and be appropriate to each Section.



Only once you have explicit approval may you restart activities. All Risk Assessments must be reviewed and resubmitted every 30 days or when the readiness level changes. This is the case for the foreseeable future.



Send a letter via OSM to parents with the details of start plans, structure of activities, emergency procedures, coronavirus notifications regarding track and trace etc. Click here for a letter template for outdoor activities only.

Enjoy the great outdoors and stay safe!