



# 1<sup>st</sup> Fressingfield Scout Group

## Yoxford and Peasenhall and Middleton School Sections

8<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

### Scouting at Middleton

As I outlined last term, we are delighted to be introducing Scouting as part of our curriculum at Middleton. We will start our programme on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> September and you will receive a copy of the programme for this half term so you can see the badges we are working towards and what skills we are developing. Please come dressed appropriately on Friday morning (clothes that can get dirty!) and bring your uniform to change into ready for the afternoon in class.

We are very keen to promote the uniform associated with Cubs and Beavers, and would really like to see all our cubs and beavers (and adult leaders) in their uniform every week. Wearing a uniform not only helps them feel part of a group, but it distinguishes between being a Scout and being part of the school. However, we appreciate that you are also buying our school uniform and conscious of the cost of this. Therefore, we have in place a loan system, which has been very successful at Yoxford and Peasenhall. The school will purchase a number of Beaver and Cub jumpers in a range of sizes, which will be arriving soon.

If you would like to 'loan' one of our jumpers, then please pay £10 via Arbor and we will send home the relevant jumper as soon as they arrive.

When your child has grown out of their jumper or changed sections, they can swap it for different jumper in the school office. When your child leaves in Year 6 you can either keep the jumper, or you can return it and get your £10 deposit back. Our only request is that when fastening badges to your sweatshirt you sew them on rather than using badge glue so that they can be removed before you return them to the office. Just a reminder, that in line with traditional 'out of hours' scouting, if the young person does not have the uniform/jumper, they won't be given the badges.

When the pupils are 'invested' into the scout family, they will each be given a necker which they need to wear every week. It would be advisable to write or sew their name/initials on them so if they get misplaced they are easier to identify. We will arrange a date for the investiture when the neckers arrive and will let you know as we hope you will be able to join us for this event.

If your child belongs to a different Scout group, then of course they can wear that uniform.

Best wishes

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