

Quick Guide to preparing for the safe return to face to face Scouts

Readiness Framework and Guidance

As lockdown measures start to ease, UK Scouts are working with youth sector partners and the National Youth Agency government body to determine what a safe return to face to face Scouts looks like when the readiness level reduces from red. **There is no rush - please work through this in a timeframe that works for you.**

Our framework defines our readiness levels as:

- Red:** Rate of infection is remaining consistent or growing.
Impact on Scouts: Digital programme delivery, no face-to-face activities or meetings, no residential experiences
- Amber:** Rate of infection is reducing consistently in all parts of the country.
Impact on Scouts: Digital programme delivery, small group sessions can take place outdoors, no residential activities
- Yellow:** Number of cases low and decreasing, full Track and Trace system in place.
Impact on Scouts: Digital programme delivery, small group sessions can take place indoors and outdoors, no residential activities
- Green:** No new cases or a vaccine is readily available.
Impact on Scouts: All activities can resume in line with Government guidance.

Step 1: Understand the Readiness Framework & talk to your team

Support each other to read, digest and develop an understanding of the Readiness Framework, based on the National Youth Agency Model. See gscouts.com/coronavirus. Talk to your team about their willingness and ability to return to Face to Face

Step 2: Develop your Risk Assessments and Action Plans

Develop written [Risk Assessments](#) for the safe return of face to face Scouting in small group sessions - both for delivering activities outdoors only (Amber) and also indoors (Yellow).

Step 3: Share your Risk Assessments to GSL / DESC

Submit Risk Assessments and plans to GSL & Group Exec or DESC for Review. Exec & GSL / DESC to consider any other support needed.

Step 4: GSL / DESC submits Request for Approval to DC

GSL / DESC submit your Approval Request using the national approvals system. Use [this link](#)
Once your request has been reviewed, you will receive an acknowledgement and / or necessary actions.

Steps 5, 6 & 7: Implement actions for your return

Once approval is received; ensure that you implement all of the actions detailed within your Risk Assessment to support the safe return to face to face activities. **Communicate fully with Section Teams and Parents / Carers.** Make sure your team know the RA.

Ongoing: Maintain Risk Assessment

Maintain a dynamic Risk Assessment, regularly review, and implement further actions as necessary.