

## SUBSCRIPTIONS POLICY

Under the *Scout Association's Policy Organisation and Rules* all members of the 20<sup>th</sup> Sheffield (Ecclesall) Scout Group and the attached Explorer Unit are required to pay membership subscriptions. These subscriptions contribute to the Group's/Unit's running costs and activities (although additional fees may be payable for camps and other events). The subscriptions also cover the National Membership fee paid to the Scout Association, which includes personal accident and medical expenses insurance for members as well as public and trustee liability for those running Scout activities.

1. *Membership subscriptions are due twice a year: in September and March*
2. *Parents/Guardians are notified when subscriptions are due via an email from the [Online Scout Manager](#) portal on which they set up an account when their child joins the 20<sup>th</sup>. Payments are collected via a secure payment zone on the Online Scout Manager portal.*
3. *If payment is not made by the advertised deadline, and if the [Membership Secretary](#) has not received an application under the subscription hardship policy (see 7 below), your child will cease to be a member of the Group and their membership will be terminated in accordance with the [Scout Association's Policy Organisation and Rules \(POR15.8a\)](#). Children excluded from the Group can apply to re-join and have their name added to the waiting list for a place in the future, although there is no guarantee of a place becoming available.*
4. *Current annual subscription rates are as follows:*
  - *Beavers Scouts £112*
  - *Cub Scouts £122*
  - *Scouts £132*
  - *Explorer Scouts £142*
5. *Pro-rata subscription rates will be applied for new members joining mid-year.*
6. *Parents or guardians should contact the Membership Secretary if there are any circumstances that we should be aware of which are preventing payment of subscriptions.*

7. *Support towards subscription fees may be available in cases of financial hardship. The Group's Subscription Hardship Policy is as follows: initially please contact your Section Leader or Membership Secretary who will refer your case to the Executive Committee which will view each case individually and confidentially.*
8. *No refunds will be given if a child decides to leave the Group mid-year.*
9. *Parents/Guardians of members are expected to attend the Group's Annual General Meeting, details of which will be posted on the website in August and issued to members by email.*

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