

Behaviour Policy: Squirrels

4-6 years | LISTEN • RESPECT • BE SAFE • TAKE PART POSITIVELY • LOOK AFTER THINGS

Squirrels should be fun, adventurous and welcoming. These five expectations are the same across Longford Scouts, explained in a way that is appropriate for this age group.

Our expectations

LISTEN	Listening ears when someone is talking. Follow simple instructions from our volunteers.
RESPECT	Use kind words and kind actions. Be respectful to other young people, adults and volunteers.
BE SAFE	Keep yourself and other people safe.
TAKE PART POSITIVELY	Join in, have a go and let everyone have a turn.
LOOK AFTER THINGS	Look after our equipment, building and other people's things.

WHAT ISN'T OK

Hitting or hurting • Being unkind or disrespectful • Leaving someone out because they are different • Not listening when asked to stop • Unsafe behaviour • Stopping others joining in • Being rough with toys or equipment

If things go wrong

1 VERBAL WARNING A clear, brief explanation of what needs to stop or change, followed by an opportunity to put it right.	2 YELLOW CARD Suggested reset: 2-3 minutes. Step back from the activity for a short reset before rejoining. The time is guidance, not a minimum.	3 SECOND YELLOW = RED CARD Any two Yellow Cards in the same meeting become Red. Sit out activities for the rest of the meeting. Where appropriate and practical, a parent/carers may be contacted to collect the young person early.
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After a Red Card: a parent/carers will be informed as soon as reasonably practical. The young person misses the next section meeting, and a meeting with their parent/carers and Section Team Leader must take place before they return.

Three Red Cards in a term: meeting with the parent/carers, Section Team Leader and Group Lead Volunteer.

Continued behaviour at this level will put the young person's place in the Group at risk and may result in their place being withdrawn.

Serious behaviour: volunteers may move directly to an appropriate stage where behaviour is violent, bullying, discriminatory, deliberately dangerous, involves significant deliberate damage or creates an immediate safety risk.