

## **9<sup>th</sup> Carshalton Scout Group**

Dear Parent or Guardian,

The impact of Covid-19 has left so many organisations in a difficult financial position, and the 9<sup>th</sup> Carshalton Scout Group are no different as we try to deal with these unprecedented challenges. Tough decisions have to be made if the Group is to survive.

### **Subscriptions**

Since the early days of Scouting, subscriptions have been the main way of funding the Movement. Subs tend to be paid termly in advance by parents to cover day to day activities for all Beavers, Cubs and Scouts, alongside subscriptions to District and the cost of the Hall, and other activities and overheads.

Subs also cover the training for all the 9<sup>th</sup> Carshalton Leaders, who are all volunteers. Training includes First Aid, Safeguarding, Safety Awareness, plus there are many more modules that have to be attained before becoming a Leader. The Leaders also have to attend regular refresher courses.

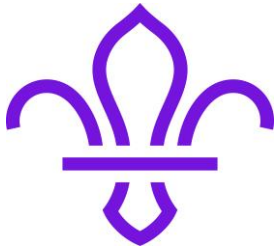
Subs are collected 3 times a year, as per school terms; September (Autumn Term), January (Spring Term) and April (Summer Term).

### **Annual Capitation Fee**

Another financial burden on the Group is the Capitation Fee which is currently £34.50 per child. You may not know about this so a short explanation is provided below:

The Annual Capitation Fee is the annual charge levied by the Scout Association on every uniformed person in the Scout movement. It covers the support structures at district, county and national level, including the significant levels of insurance required for youth work today.

This cost is currently being met by the Group itself but we are slowly reaching a point where we need to consider changing this in the next couple years.



### **Next Step - 2022**

The 9<sup>th</sup> Carshalton Executive Committee have given consideration to a number of proposals how these costs can now be met and we believe the most sensible way is to make a couple of changes.

With effect from 1 January 2022, the following changes will take place.

***Subscriptions will increase from £28.00 per term to £32.00***

***Sibling rate will increase from £23.00 per term to £25.00***

Payments can either be by cash, cheque or **Standing Order**. As a charity we are unable to offer Direct Debits.

This decision was not been taken lightly and we remain still one of the cheapest Scout Groups in the District.

We hope this meets with your approval.

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For and on behalf of the Executive Committee  
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