



## Good Behaviour Policy

It is exciting to belong to the Scouting organisation. The young people take part in many adventurous activities and have a chance to spend nights away from home on camps.

It is important however that all these activities take place safely and in an atmosphere of mutual respect.

The 18<sup>th</sup> Edmonton Methodist group would like you to read this 'Good Behaviour Policy'. We would also like you to discuss it with your son/daughter.

Please pay particular attention as to what happens if there are incidents of poor behaviour.

### Good behaviour

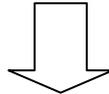
Each young person is expected to demonstrate good behaviour at all times and in all circumstances.

1. We expect young people to be respectful towards leaders and helpers and to co-operate fully with them.
2. We expect young people to be kind and respect differences in others.
3. Our young people must not bully, name call, ridicule or seek to humiliate others.
4. We expect young people to treat all property/equipment with care and respect.
5. We expect young people to behave in a suitably respectful manner whilst in Church.
6. We expect young people to observe bedtimes and silence rules during nights away.
7. We expect young people to demonstrate good behaviour in public and they should not behave in a way which might bring the Group into disrepute.

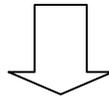
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## What happens if there is poor behaviour?

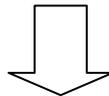
**Step 1** The young person is spoken to by a leader or helper at the time of the incident. It is pointed out what is wrong and what the young person now needs to do.  
*They may be sent to sit on their own for a while in a 'time out zone' to reflect on what they have done. Leaders will discuss their behaviour with them before they can rejoin the activity.*



**Step 2** The parents/carers are spoken to about the young person's behaviour by the section leader.



**Step 3** A letter is sent home by the Group Scout Leader outlining what has happened and what needs to be done to rectify the situation. It is outlined that if the situation continues then it will mean the young person being asked to leave the group.



**Step 4** The parents/carers are asked to meet with the Group Scout Leader and another appropriate adult and they are asked to remove their son/daughter from the group. A fresh start at another Scout group or Youth group may then be appropriate.

## Nights away

It is very important that the young people and leaders get sleep whilst on camps. It will be unsafe to take part in activities otherwise. It is also *extremely dangerous* for leaders to drive minibuses whilst tired from lack of sleep. If bedtime or silence rules are broken whilst away over night then the parents/carers will be phoned to speak to their son/daughter, **even if this is in the middle of the night.**

## Serious incidents

If, at anytime, a young person does something that **seriously** compromises their own welfare/safety or that of other young people or leaders: then the following can happen:

1. Parents/carers will be phoned and asked to come and take their son/daughter home.  
**This could be from an evening meeting, from an event or a camp.** The Group Scout Leader/Section Leader will then discuss the issue with parent(s)/carer(s).
2. The young person in question will not be allowed to attend the next major event/camp.

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