

1st York (Poppleton) Scout Group Codes of Behaviour.

Upon Investiture each scout must make their promise;

“On my honour I promise that I will do my best. To do my duty to God and to the Queen. To help other people at all times and to obey the Scout Law”

Scout Law;

1. A scout is to be trusted.
2. A scout is loyal.
3. A scout is friendly and considerate.
4. A scout belongs to the worldwide family of scouts.
5. A scout has courage in all difficulties.
6. A scout makes good use of time and is careful of possessions and property.
7. A scout has self-respect and respect for others.

In order to ensure that these values are upheld it is necessary to have a formal code in place whereby the promise/law can be enforced and, if they are not, it gives those being affected by this breach a structure to ensure they are adhered to in future or that no further breach occurs by removing it. Poppleton scout group is a particularly large group and these principals will be enforced rigorously otherwise sessions can quickly become uncontrolled and because of the nature of our activities injury may result in such breaches.

Therefore a red/yellow card system is in place.

1. A scout who is in breach of his promise or the scout law will in the first instance (for a minor infringement) receive a verbal warning.
2. If, during the same session, a further breach occurs the scout will be given a yellow card.
3. If, during the same session the behaviour continues then a red card will be issued and the scout will then be removed from the session and the parents contacted to arrange collection. This also means that the scout is then precluded from the next scout event (this includes a camp if it is the next event) the scout may return to scouts after missing one session providing that (6) below has been conducted.
4. If a scout receives four yellow cards (in different sessions) then the next card issued will always be a red card and the rule (3) above applies.
5. Once a red card has been issued the yellow card count starts again.
6. Once a red card has been issued the parent/carer must arrange to speak in person to the scout leader. The scout must also be present at this meeting. The exact circumstances of the warning, the yellow cards and the issue of the red card will be explained. The scout will then be given the opportunity to explain his/her behaviour. An action plan will then be agreed between the scout, the parent/carer and the scout leader. This action plan remains in force until the end of the year in which it was issued.
7. If the scout breaches the action plan agreed he will be dismissed from the group until the parent/carer and the scout have a further meeting with the scout leader. At this meeting a further action may be agreed or the scout will be dismissed from the group.
8. Three red cards is an automatic dismissal from the group.
9. The right to appeal. In the event that a scout is dismissed the parent/carer for the scout concerned must arrange, within 14 days, for a meeting with the group scout leader, the scout leader dismissing the scout and the scout concerned. The parent/carer and the scout may then present their case regarding the scout's future with Poppleton scouts. The decision of this panel is final.
10. If a scout does not attend a session and a leader has not been informed of the absence the scout will receive a yellow card in his/her absence.

I have read and fully understand the code of behaviour for Poppleton scouts.

Scout sign..... Print Name.....

Parent/Carer sign..... Date.....