



ROYAL FOREST OF DEAN DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL 2nd Mitcheldean Scout Group



New Scout Membership Database - Compass

Dear parent/carer

Compass is the national membership system for The Scout Association. Every volunteer and young person in Scouting in the United Kingdom has their details and Scouting record maintained in this system. Young people will also have their parent/carer information stored on Compass.

In the **Forest of Dean District and 2nd Mitcheldean Scout Group** we will use Compass to keep your child's personal information safe and in one place so we always have the most accurate contact details and personal information to ensure we offer the best experience Scouting can offer your child.

Although your child's personal information will be held in a system used nationally, only adult volunteers directly involved in running Scouting in your area will be able to view the information. Limited number of Headquarters staff can view records for safeguarding purposes. Compass has been designed to be compliant with the United Kingdom's data protection requirements and undergone tough security testing. The Scout Association currently holds the ISO27001:2013 standard for the administration of recreational activities and support for young people in the United Kingdom. Information Security and Data Protection experts have tested Compass to ensure it meets all relevant legislation as a minimum.

Compass does more than just offer a safe place to store the essential details, it also acts as a record of your child's Scouting progress and performs administration tasks for Scouting to help make all of our lives easier. For example Leaders can record on Compass your child's badge and award progress so you can see what they are working on, and they may also send messages to you via Compass about what is happening at section meetings or invite you to the next camp.

Using Compass

Both you and your child will have a record in Compass which means in the future you will be able to set up your own log in details and use Compass to keep their information up to date when it is convenient for you. Soon you will be able to pay for Scouting activities, for example signing up for camps or events. Using Compass minimises the need for lots of paper letters, forms and cash/cheques exchanging hands.

Your child will have the same record all the way through their Scouting career. This means you do not have to repeat the same information every time they move Sections, you just keep it updated and the new leaders will instantly have access to this once they have transferred section/group.

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