

Bury and Ramsbottom Scouts Online Safety Guidance

Always conduct yourself on the internet as you would face-to-face and be aware of what you say and how you say it. If you wouldn't say or do something in the "real" world, then don't do it online. Never provide personal details about young people or volunteers and always ensure you have parental permission to use any photos of young people.

Only ever use the first names of young people on any photo or video caption and only share appropriate photos, the sort that you would be happy putting on a public notice board (a good rule of thumb is if you wouldn't be happy for your mum – or District Commissioner – to see it, then don't do it!). As Leaders in scouts we still refer to the yellow card in safeguarding and please fill out a risk assessment for the online videos.

Remember that, potentially, anyone can view content on the internet.

Make sure all Teams meetings are recorded and at a minimum of two leaders on each call when young people are present. Always use your Group / District Email address to connect and invite young people on teams, never bulk invite your section.

You should forward the teams invite and place all invitees in bcc section so that they can't see other people email addresses.

Because livestreaming and video chat happen in real time, young people may feel under pressure to behave in a certain way so that people will keep watching their channel. It can help to talk to your section about what is and what isn't appropriate behaviour online.

Some livestreaming and video apps let young people share their location. They can do this through the settings, or while livestreaming or videoing. You can help by:

Reminding your child not to share any personal information online, like where they live or go to school. Remember to explain that where they're livestreaming could give this information away.

Making sure their location settings are switched off, so that they're not able to share their location with anyone.

Talk to your child about the things that they can safely share, like their interests and hobbies.

Don't use your personal social networking account to communicate directly, on a one-to-one basis with young people. If you are communicating directly with a young person always include a parent / carer and another leader.

Section Guidance

Advice for teams meetings for each section

Section	Require a responsible adult at home on /supervising the call	Require at least two leaders and calls are recorded	Who should receive an email invite	
Beavers	✓	✓	Parent / Carer	
Cubs	✓	✓	Parent / Carer	
Scouts	✗	✓	Parent / Carer and Young Person	
Explorers	✗	✓	Parent / Carer and Young Person	