

Waiting List Policy

The 5th sadly has to operate waiting lists for all its sections.

We accept as many kids as we can each term but we have to refuse far more than we accept.

All of our leaders work full time and are volunteers and we run all the sections at maximum capacity.

Why are we so oversubscribed?

I once sat down and listed all the primary schools that our members attend.

I worked out that there are about 1,400 kids who could attend our beavers and we only have 28 spaces. The other colony in Beckenham has 24 spaces.

Between us we meet the needs of less than five percent of local 6 and 7 year olds

When to apply

The Waiting list is open to children who turn 5 during the current academic year and older.

From 1st March 2012, we will only take children onto the waiting list who have already started primary school. (Latest eligible birthday: 31/8/2007)

From 1st September 2012, we will only accept children onto the list who have started primary school or will start in January 2013. (Latest eligible birthday: 31/8/2008)

From 1st September 2013, we will only accept children onto the list who have started primary school or will start in January 2014. (Latest eligible birthday: 31/8/2009)

From 1st September 2014, we will only accept children onto the list who have started primary school or will start in January 2014. (Latest eligible birthday: 31/8/2010)

Policy for each section

Beavers

Kids are accepted at around their 6th Birthday. The order of priority is:

- Children of existing leaders
- Siblings of existing members of the 5th
- Length of time on waiting list.
- If nobody on the waiting list, kids from other groups.
- We can take about 5 kids per term from the waiting list.

If a space is not found by the time a child reaches 6yrs 6 months, we pass them onto the cub waiting list.

Contact secretary@thefifth.org.uk to be added to the waiting list - please do this as early as possible. Please include name, date of birth, address, phone and email for the waiting list - and please be aware that we only accept applications from the parent/guardian.

Cubs

Cubs are accepted at around their 8th birthday. The order of priority is:

- Children of existing leaders
- The 5th's beavers
- Siblings of existing members of the 5th
- Length of time on waiting list
- If nobody on the waiting list, kids from other groups.
- We can take about two kids per term from the waiting list.

If a space is not found by the time a child reaches 9yrs old, we pass them onto the scout waiting list.

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Scouts

Scouts are accepted at around 10 and a half. The order of priority is

- Children of existing leaders
- The 5th's cubs
- Siblings of existing members of the 5th
- Length of time on waiting list
- If nobody on the waiting list, kids from other groups.

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Explorers

Explorers are accepted at around 14yrs. The order of priority is

- Children of existing leaders
- The 5th's scouts
- Siblings of existing members of the 5th
- Scouts from other groups who do not have partnered explorer units.
- Length of time on waiting list.

Contact phil.vron@gmail.com to be added to the waiting list - please do this as early as possible.

Useful Links are on the website

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Leader in Charge

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