



**5<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2022**

Dear Parents, Guardians and helpers,

Happy New Year.

An apology for the delayed announcement for our first meeting date of the new year. A combination of reasons.

Firstly, I am quite busy in my profession and getting any allocated time off has been difficult. I am a Care Worker in the community and staffing levels are strained. It may be that I get called upon to work a Thursday, at short notice. Whilst I hope this can be avoided, there is a chance that you can arrive at the meeting hall and find a cancellation notice upon the door.

Secondly, The National Youth Agency has changed its guidance from green to yellow meaning, that we await instruction from Girlguiding UK. We are expecting to know how we can proceed with meetings after an announcement, some time after 6<sup>th</sup> January. It means that we are unsure if face to face meetings will resume or, what conditions will be imposed. For us volunteers, we cannot have a term planning meeting until we are updated.

We are hoping to confirm our first meeting back as, Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> January, the usual time of 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Our Facebook group is where we post any urgent or, last minute information so, please check there. We will always try to minimise inconvenience and upset for, both you and the girls.

### **Facebook group page**

New parents, there is a Facebook page for the unit where, we post urgent announcements from time to time. Things like, unit closures due to poor weather, etc.

<https://www.facebook.com/login/?next=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.facebook.com%2Fgroups%2FEmersonValleyRainbows%2F>

Regards,

**Rabbit, Squirrel and Koala Bear.**

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