



## **Planning and developing a Code of Conduct**

A Code of Conduct is a good way to help Cub Scouts think about how they can work together to promote good behaviour in the Pack. The Code of Conduct should be simple enough for all the Cub Scouts to understand. It should have as few points as possible.

By working with the Cub Scouts to develop their own Code of Conduct, they will take ownership of it and they will be more likely to follow it if they feel they have contributed to it rather than have it imposed upon them.

The Code should be rewritten at the start of each scout year as new members join.

## **Scouter's responsibilities**

The Scouter must make sure that the Pack is run in a way that encourages good behaviour.

The Scouter's role in helping to prepare a Code is to make sure that it is workable - but not to set rules, but rather suggest positive statements of intent and these should be laid out by the Cub Scouts themselves.

The Code should be based on the Cub Scout Promise and Law.

## **Cub Scout's responsibilities**

Each Cub Scout in the Pack should be responsible for contributing to, and following, the Code.

At the Sixer's Council, the Sixers may also be able to discuss behavioural issues such as persistent violations of the Code.

## **Parent's & Guardian's awareness**

Ensure that parents and guardians are aware of the Code by issuing a copy at the start of the scout year. This helps parents to understand what is expected of their Cub Scout. The parents or guardians should sign the Code along with the Cub Scouts, and this should then be returned to the Section Leader.

## **Starting the Code**

Have a Pack Forum to gather key items for inclusion in the Code. The Sixer Council should then combine all points giving reasons why each should be included.

## **Publishing the Code of Conduct**

When the Code of Conduct is finished, make sure that it:

- Looks attractive - use colour, images of the Atlantic Six or pictures appropriate to the Cub Scout age range;
- Is displayed on the wall of the Scout Den where everyone can see it
- Is given to all Cub Scouts and their parents and to the Group Leader



# *SAMPLE CODE OF CONDUCT*

*We do our best*

*We help others*

*We do not Bully*

*We wear the Cub Scout uniform with pride*

*We are punctual for meetings and events*

*We do not to use bad language or bad manners*

*We listen to others*

*We respect other people*

*We Leave No Trace*

***WE HAVE FUN***

