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Dear Parent,

Registration 2015 and subscriptions

Subscriptions:

We hope your son or daughter has enjoyed being part of Gossoms End and that they are looking forward to more activities and fun next year. In order to ensure their continuing membership and insurance for them while on Scouts premises, it is time for subscriptions to be paid. Cheques should be made payable to 1st Gossoms End Scout Group.

Due to increasing costs, and particularly the loss of our regular hall hire income now that Rainbow Corner have ceased to trade, we have reluctantly concluded we need to raise subscriptions this year. Please note this still works out at under £4 per night.

Subscriptions for the coming year are thus at the following annual amounts:

Beavers:	£120
Cubs	£132
Scouts:	£144

As in previous years, we are happy to accept these payments in the form of two or three cheques, one or two of which are post-dated. Similarly, if there is real difficulty with paying at all, please contact me. Any discussions will be in strictest confidence. Any child leaving the group during the year will of course be entitled to a refund for the balance of the year, less national subscriptions which are paid at the start of the year.

A crucial factor in our ability to limit subscription charges is our ability to claim **Gift Aid** as discussed below. I would therefore ask that you make every effort to ensure that we have a completed gift aid form, reflecting your **current** address, so that we can claim credits due. **We do not need a new form each year, but we do need a new form if you have changed address.** Additional factors which help us limit the need for subscription increases are the contribution to covering increased costs which comes from the rental income we generate from the use of the Scout Hut for other activities, and also the contribution generated from the continuing fundraising efforts of members. We thank you for your efforts in this respect over the past year and will be grateful for your continuing support for fundraising activities in the coming year.

Gift Aid

This is a vital scheme that allows us to recover additional money for the group from HM Revenue and Customs in respect of subscriptions made. We annually recover over £2,000. I have enclosed a Gift Aid form as a standard part of the subscriptions pack so as to help ensure that we have valid forms for all, reflecting your current address. Please complete a Gift Aid form, making sure that whoever completes the form within the household is a taxpayer. A stock of blank forms is also held at the Scout Hut.

I will be at the Scout Hut on Monday 26th January to collect subscriptions, between 5.50pm and 8.00pm. Otherwise, please pass on your subs and any new Gift Aid forms to your child's leader before 26th January, or you can send them directly to me at the above address.

Many thanks,

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