

# Investiture – A Parents' Guide!



### What is Investiture?

"Investiture" is one of the most important ceremonies in Beavers. Being Invested, means that:

- Your child is officially a uniformed member of the Beaver Colony, as recognised by The Scout Association's "Policy, Organisation and Rules" (POR)
- Your child gets a Necker, a certificate, and membership badges, all provided by the group. If your child has earned any other badges whilst they've been at Beavers, they'll be presented with

those as well. The group may also give your child a small gift, such as a non-uniform badge to formally welcome your child.

### What do We do with all of this?

Your child's badges all have a place on their Beaver Jumper, which (teamed with their Necker) makes the uniform for Beavers. You can buy this uniform from Lancaster Scout and Guide Shop, on Moor Street (<http://www.lonsdalescouts.org.uk/hq-shop/>), or from [shop.scouts.org.uk](http://shop.scouts.org.uk). There is also an optional Beaver polo shirt, which is perfect for summer and for informal events, such as Beaver meetings.

### The Beaver Uniform:

All Scouting Uniform Badges have a specific place on their uniform. To help you with deciding where these go, there is a diagram available at:

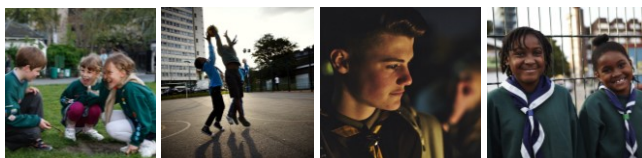
<https://members.scouts.org.uk/supportresources/search/?cat=11,18,241>.

### The Beaver Promise:

As a part of the Investiture Ceremony, your child will be asked to make the Beaver Scout promise, which is as follows:

"I promise to do my best  
to be kind and helpful  
and to love God"

There are "alternative" variations on this promise that are sanctioned by The Scout Association for those of different faiths, or no faith. The promise can also be made in Makaton or Arabic. If your child wishes to use an alternative promise, The Leadership Team must be informed beforehand.



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