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Dear Parent/Carer

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### **RETURN TO PARADING**

Firstly, I would like to start by saying thank you for your cadet remaining engaged in cadets during this extremely difficult time. I know that many cadets have been actively participating in virtual activities, we have used Teams and e-mail wherever possible. The overarching aim has been to show all cadets we have been thinking about them as well as allowing them to progress and continue to enjoy their time as cadets. The time has now come where I hope they will all return to the unit for 'face-to-face' activities.

The aim of this letter is to highlight the planning and processes that have occurred to enable all cadets to safely return to activities. The timing of this has been driven by Government and MoD directives and the cadets are now in a position to enable some face-to-face activities to occur. The process has taken 3 stages:

- **Stage 1 – Make the Unit COVID-19 Secure:** We have followed national guidance and risk assessments to ensure the unit is "COVID-19 Secure". That is, we have made it as safe as possible to conduct some face-to-face cadet activity.
- **Stage 2 – Volunteers Safe and Ready:** The unit volunteers and staff have received guidance and briefing on operating with a COVID-19 secure approach.
- **Stage 3 – Approval:** Having demonstrated that both the unit and volunteers are ready, the Contingent Commander has given us approval to re-open the unit for face-to-face activity.

I am delighted to state that LRGS CCF has achieved stages 1 to 3 and can now re-open for LRGS pupils for some face to face activities following the COVID-19 secure guidelines. Our first planned parade nights are:

**15/09/2020** for senior cadets only, on the lower courts;

**22/09/2020** for RN cadets from year 10, Army cadets from year 9 and RAF cadets from year 10.

We hope it will not be long before we are able to involve RN and RAF year 9 cadets as well as obtain permission for adults and cadets from LGGS to attend.

The decision for any cadet or volunteer to return is entirely a personal choice, based on personal circumstances. I can assure you that your cadet will not be penalised should they not to return to unit face-to-face activities at the moment. Please be assured, however, that the unit has done everything possible to give you the confidence the unit is operating under strict COVID-19 Secure guidelines.

At this stage whilst cadets may return to parading, the arrangements are based on the social distancing limits for our unit and are outlined below.

Training will be by year group bubble. Training will be outside whenever possible, when this is not possible then classrooms will be utilised which are in the bubble's zone. Bubbles will not mix on parade but will be distanced from each other. The CCF hut will not be used by cadets before or after parades except for Y9 teaching, use of the armoury will be similarly limited.

Naturally this will also have an impact on the type of activities we can conduct, although the overarching aim is for the cadets to reinvigorate their relationships with fellow cadets and have fun.

The first 2 evenings listed above will be to inform the cadets of the new rules and regulations associated with the unit and for them to ask questions about the new processes.

It will be important that all cadets follow the guidelines regarding hand washing, social distancing and observe the floor markings and other notices within the unit. It is anticipated this will become routine to them very quickly, although please encourage your cadet to ask questions if they are unsure. It has been decided that the use of face coverings is not required, although some cadets and/or adults may choose to do so and we respect that choice and we will allow the wearing of masks with uniform. Any child with any of the recognised COVID-19 symptoms should not return to the unit and must isolate in the normal way.

Whilst residential courses may not be possible, there may be some day activities that are organised in the coming months. These will require cadets to be transported. It is hoped that some of you can be available to assist in this capacity in respect of your child as the use of mini-buses/coaches will be extremely difficult. More details will follow as appropriate.

With the return to face to face activity comes the return of payments. If face to face training for your son/daughter is about to recommence as listed above then please make the payment(s) detailed below. If it is not then please do not make the payment until such time as face to face training for your son/daughter resumes. All payments to be made via Wisepay/Parentpay.

Y9 or new cadet: £35 subscription plus £40 uniform deposit.

Existing cadet: £35 subscription.

If your son/daughter would like to join and they are in year 9 or above and you have yet to complete the application and consent form then please do so using the link to the on-line form below. The last 5 pages of this need to be printed out, signed and returned to me. If you do not have access to a printer then complete the on-line form and e-mail me requesting that I send you the paper part by post.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=yailXmpUak-kTNUsl0VxvDN349902-BBrcJue-5a25ZUMUEzRzIXMTE3U1ZGsvFFQlhFVExWVzVVMC4u>

This has been an extremely difficult period for us all and whilst we are looking forward to our 'Return to Training', it is emphasised that the safety and security of your child is paramount at all times. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the unit for advice.

Yours sincerely,

D R Rowe (Lt.Col)  
Contingent Commander