## 7<sup>th</sup> Darlington Sea Scouts



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## Own Children in Group

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Quite often adult leaders have their own children as members of the Group. This generally is how Scouting runs with many Parents volunteering uncountable volunteer hours to the Group and Scouting.

We need to have an understanding between the children and their parent that when they are scouting, they distance themselves from each other. We also ask that the young people refer to their parent with their first name and not use the term 'Mam or Dad' this can cause other members to have bad feelings towards that child or for them to feel homesick as they start to miss their own parents. It also shows that the adult is treating their child the same as all the other children. Also, parents cannot show any favouritism towards their own children, nor can they give them additional duties. In both situations it is not fair on the child or the larger group.

At all times, all people both youth and adult members are all treated the same with respect care and brotherhood.

It must be noted that there will be situations where an adult leader may be needed to help on a camp or activity, and they will obviously need to bring their children with them. This is a necessity of being able to run a large busy and successful group.