

Let's start a conversation!



CARD DESIGN AND LETTER WRITING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Use A4 card, folded down to A5 size. Design and make a card that you think someone would enjoy receiving. You can paint, draw or stick things to your card.
2. We do not know the name of the person receiving your card, so please start with a friendly **Hello!**
3. You can introduce yourself using your first name and maybe your age, BUT, it is really important that you do not provide any more personal information about yourself. **Do not write your last name or where you live. You might like to mention which Scout or Guide group you are a member of.**
4. Inside the card use this space to write about yourself and start a conversation by asking questions back. **What things might you have in common?** Plan what you are going to write before you start. Why not discuss your ideas with an adult first.
5. Always be positive, friendly and respectful. Try not to make any assumptions about the person you are writing to. We do not know their personal circumstances. And don't forget to use your best handwriting!

Here are some **suggestions** of things you might like to write about:

- What has inspired your design on the front of the card? **Maybe ask: do you like drawing or being creative?**
- Describe what you like about school and what your favourite subjects are. **Maybe ask: what did you enjoy about school? If you could take lessons in anything now, what would it be?**
- Write about your most and least favourite foods. **Maybe ask: what is your favourite meal? Do you prefer sweet or savoury food?**
- Write about how you like to spend your spare time. **Maybe ask: do you have any hobbies?**
- Describe what type of job you would like to have in the future? **Maybe ask: what jobs have you done?**
- Describe something that you are proud of or good at. **Maybe ask: what has been your proudest moment or biggest achievement?**
- Write about which countries you would like to travel to in the future. **Maybe ask: would you recommend anywhere to visit? Where was your best holiday?**
- Talk about your favourite band, singer, film or TV programme. **Maybe ask: what type of music do you like listening to? What is your favourite film?**
- Tell a joke. **Maybe ask: do you know any good jokes?**

When you have finished making your card, arrangements will be made to send this to us. Don't worry about an envelope. We will provide one. First, we want to take a photograph of your card, so we can keep a record. Photos will be added to an online gallery and some may be shared on social media to spread some positivity and to celebrate your creativity.

If the person who receives your cards replies, we will arrange for you to receive this. Please don't be disappointed if they don't write back though.

So, start when you are ready and thank you so much for being an active citizen and taking part in this campaign. Together with small acts we can create a more connected society where everyone feels they belong.

We are really looking forward to seeing your artwork and letters.