



Code of Conduct for Children and Young Persons

Church groups seek to offer a positive experience for children and young people and where they can learn and grow in faithfulness in a safe and positive environment.

Insert name of name of parish/club/group/organization is fully committed to safeguarding and promoting the well-being of all its members.

Everybody associated with the group should, always, show respect and understanding for the safety and welfare of others. Members are encouraged to be open always and to share any concerns or complaints that they may have about any aspect of the group with **Name and Position.**

As a member of **Insert name of name of club/group**, you are expected to abide by the following junior code of practice:

Children and young people are expected to:

- Be friendly and particularly welcoming to new members;
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of age, gender, ability, social class, race, cultural background, religious beliefs or sexual identity;
- Make your group a fun place to be;
- Be supportive and committed to other group members and offer comfort when required;
- Be loyal and give friends a second chance;
- Be respectful, helpful and trustworthy;
- Play a part in keeping themselves safe;
- Report inappropriate behavior or risky situations;
- Behave and listen to all instructions from the leaders and helpers and stick to the rules;
- Respect group leaders/helpers and accept decisions;
- Refrain from the use of bad language, racial or sectarian references;
- Refrain from bullying; this includes bullying using new any form of social media;
- Not get involved in inappropriate peer pressure and push others into something they do not want to do;
- Not smoke, drink alcohol or take non-prescribed or illegal drugs at any event connected to Church activities, including web based events.

Children / Young People have the right to:

- Be safe and happy in their chosen activity.
- Be respected and treated fairly.
- Take part as an equal to other children and young people in the group.
- Be protected from abuse by other members or outside sources.
- Ask for help.
- Be listened to.
- Be believed.
- Have any concerns taken seriously and acted on.
- Be referred to professional help if needed.
- Privacy.

Any minor misdemeanors and general misbehavior will be addressed by the group leader. More serious or persistent misbehavior may result in short term or permanent exclusion from the group. Parents will be informed at all stages.

Parents commit to not to pass on link details to other persons, regardless as to how well they know them. Other interested parties must be directed to Priest or Activity leader as appropriate.

Parents will ensure they have set up the zoom account via their email address and sign in through that account not Facebook.

Parents will seek to ensure that the background area is free from personal items like family photos, links to address or anything else that may create a safeguarding risk, or cause offence to another viewer.

I read and understood the Code of Conduct and agree to abide by it.

Signature of child/young person:	
Print name child/young person:	
Date:	
Signature of parent /carer:	
Print name parent/carers:	
Date:	