

Guidance on Creating a Code of Behaviour with Children

Children should be involved in drawing up a code of behaviour for themselves; however, it is important that in working with children, an appropriate adult with relevant skills and competencies participates to support them in developing the code of behaviour.

The methods used in creating a code of behaviour should be age and ability appropriate, with children being encouraged to avoid merely drawing up a list of prohibitions. Instead, the code should be comprised of positive statements about respect and should consider what consequences ensue if the code is broken.

In developing the code, consideration should be given to the following:

Treating everyone with respect.

Treating property with respect.

Not consuming alcohol, tobacco or illegal drugs.

Agreeing not to bring any physical item into the Church activity that may cause offence or harm to others.

Acting as a good role model.

Attending activities on time.

Signing in and out

Turning off your mobile phone.

Telling someone you trust if you feel uncomfortable with any situation or individual.

Not using bad language when communicating by phone or email.

Never bullying anyone or sending threatening messages.

For an example of a workshop to create a code of behaviour with children, refer to S3.B Template



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Sample Template: Code of Behaviour for Young People

In order that young people will enjoy, benefit from and feel safe participating in church activities they will:

- be kind to each other and treat each other with respect regardless of ability ethnic origin, cultural background, sexual orientation or religion
- not engage in bullying type behaviour and will report any such behaviours if they become aware of it
- report any behaviour that makes them feel uncomfortable
- actively engage in the activity and contribute to the best of their ability in an age appropriate manner
- follow the instructions and directions of the activity leader
- arrive on time and depart at the appropriate time from the church activity
- remain in a supervised area at all times during the church activity
- not have in their possession any substances or material that may pose harm to any member of the group, the group leaders or the property in which the activity is held
- not take audio or visual recording of anyone present at the church activity (See guidance on photography and computer policy)
- keep mobile phones on silent or switched off during church activities
- respect the property of other people
- take care of their own property



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Information for Young People

If you have a concern or questions while you are taking part in a church activity, please contact one of the following:

Leader of Activity:

or

Parish Priest:

or

Parish Curate



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Information for Parents/Carers

If you have a concern or questions regarding the safety and well-being of your child while he/she is involved in a church activity, please contact one of the following:

Leader of Activity:

Or

Parish Priest:

Or

Parish Curate:

If you have a concern about child abuse, please contact one of the following diocesan designated liaison persons:

Martha Smyth, Raheen, 12 Hollyhill Road, Enniskillen, Co Fermanagh.

Telephone: 028 66324117 Mobile: 00447775507445

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