

## Code of Conduct for Children and young people participating in Church Activities.

### A. Rationale

It is essential that children and young people are made aware of their boundaries in terms of their own behaviour while participating in church activities. Likewise, leaders working with children and young people should be extended the courtesy and respect which their leadership role deserves.

Our Code of Conduct is for all children and young people engaged in church led activities and to assist group leaders.

### B. Our Code

1. Be kind to and treat each other with **respect** regardless of ability, ethnic origin, and cultural background.
2. Respect all church **property and grounds** and the property of others as well as taking care of our own property.
3. Do not engage in **bullying** of any kind and report any such behaviour if we become aware of it.
4. Be **fair and honest** in all our dealings with other children and leaders so as not to hurt others by what we say or do.
5. **Report** any behaviour that makes us feel uncomfortable to the person in charge.
6. **Actively engage in the activity** and contribute to the best of our ability in an age appropriate manner.
7. **Follow the instructions** of the activity and group leaders.
8. Arrive on **time and depart at the appropriate time** from the church activity.
9. **Remain in a supervised area** at all times during the church activity.
10. Do not bring to church any substances or materials that may pose harm or offence to any member of the group, the group leaders or the church property.
11. **Do not take audio or visual recording of anyone** present at the church activity without approval and monitoring of group leaders.
12. **Keep mobile phone on silent** or switched off for the duration of the activity.

**C. Sanctions**

Suggested sanction might include

- Making an apology
- Loss of privilege
- Speak to parents/carers
- Leaving the activity for a time
- Being unable to attend the activity.

**D. Agreement**

Parents and carers, as well as children and young people need to understand their responsibility for their behaviour and sign below to show they understand and accept its contents.

Signed..... Signed.....

Child

Parent/ Carer

Date.....

Signed.....

Leader