



Code of Behaviour for Children and Young People taking part in Parish and Diocesan Activities:

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When you are taking part in activities with other young people and adult leaders, please be mindful to be respectful to others and follow the Code of Behaviour outlined below:

- Please respect everybody else because we are all God's children.
- Please respect God's house and all church property.
- Be fair; please don't cheat or lie.
- Agree not to hurt anybody by what you say or do.
- Please don't use bad language.
- Please respect other people's property.
- Agree to follow the rules of your group.
- Don't consume alcohol, tobacco or use drugs.
- Talk to the person in charge or someone you trust if you have a problem; don't keep it to yourself. Read the Child Safeguarding poster at the front door of the church and be aware of the agencies that might be able to help you.
- Agree not to bring anything into the church activity, which might cause harm to yourself or others.
- Please be on time for all activities and leave when the activity is over. Remember to sign in and out every time you attend.

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- Please don't use your mobile or take photographs while in church or during church activities, unless you have the permission of your parent/guardian and the approval/monitoring of the leaders of the group.
- Please don't post material related to church activities online unless you have the permission of your parent/guardian and the approval/monitoring of the leaders of the group.
- Please don't be a bully or send threatening/offensive messages.
- If your parents/guardian give you permission to be on the internet, always be careful. Be aware of Internet safety issues and be respectful both of yourself and others at all times because we are all God's children.

Remember: If you have any questions, concerns or worries, please speak to

- your Youth leader,
- you can contact any of the numbers that are posted on your notice board on Child Safeguarding in your Church
- Diocese of Killala Childsafeguarding Confidential Phone no **087 1003554**
- online at www.killaladiocese.org/safeguarding/.
- or any trusted adult you can speak to.

For further information on the Seven Standards of Safeguarding Children in the Catholic Church in Ireland, www.killaladiocese.org/safeguarding, or you can make contact through the Diocese of Killala Childsafeguarding DLP - **087 1003554**

Child Safeguarding Policy Statement:

As a member of the Catholic Church in Ireland, we recognise and uphold the dignity and rights of all children, are committed to ensuring their safety and well-being, and will work in partnership with parents/guardians to do this. We recognise each child as a gift from God, and we value and encourage the participation of children in all activities that enhance their spiritual, physical, emotional, intellectual and social development. All Church personnel (including clergy, religious, staff and volunteers) have a responsibility to safeguard children through promoting their welfare, health and development in a safe and caring environment that supports their best interests and prevents abuse.