



Form 12 Code of behaviour for children taking part in Church activities

Code of behaviour

- Our parish expects that children will act respectfully to themselves, their supervisors and fellow participants.
- Children must accept the ground rules of activities which supervisors will clearly explain to them.
- Children will not have access to the use of email or the internet when participating in our parish programs.
- Breaches of discipline and disruptive behaviour, including bullying, will be dealt with in a manner that is fair and transparent, by more than one member of Church personnel. Children and their parents will be advised of the consequences for breaching the code of behaviour. A three-stage process will be followed: the first stage will be a verbal warning; the second stage will involve informing the child's parents; the third stage – if the behaviour continues - the child will be asked to leave the group. The child, parents and group leaders will be involved in the consultation.
- Children or their parents who are dissatisfied with any aspect of activities or services can follow a complaints procedure; namely, to inform the leader of the program or, when appropriate, to contact one of our Parish Safeguarding Officers through the parish office.

Please note:

- The parish only accepts liability or responsibility for an incident or accident caused by the negligence or breach of statutory duty of the parish, its staff and volunteers.
- It is the responsibility of the parents to be on time when dropping off or collecting children.
- All participants must keep to the code of behaviour for this activity; otherwise they may be asked to discontinue their participation.
- Leaders are not allowed to give participants a lift to or from activities.
- Any concerns regarding the welfare and safety of children participating in parish activities should be brought immediately to the attention of the Parish Safeguarding Officer or the statutory authorities.