

Code of Conduct for young people involved in Church activities

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

The Confirmation Group (Sacred Heart, North Gosforth and St. Charles, Gosforth) 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 Nick McTernan, Gerard Shepherd or Jo Shepherd.

As a member of the Confirmation group, you are expected to abide by the following junior code of practice:

Children and young people are expected to:

- Be friendly and welcoming to all 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 positive place to be
- Be respectful, helpful and trustworthy
- Report inappropriate behaviour or risky situations
- Behave, listen to and follow all instructions from the leaders and helpers
- Refrain from rough and dangerous play
- Refrain from the use of bad language, racial or sectarian references
- Refrain from bullying; this includes bullying using any form of social media
- Not get involved in inappropriate peer pressure and push others into something they do not want to do

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