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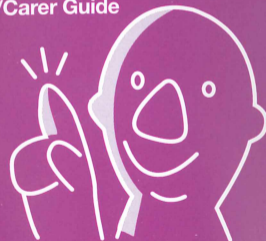
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Parent/Carer Guide



A leaflet for parents on the child
protection guidelines of the Presbyterian
Church In Ireland

Welcome

This guide for parents and carers is to let you know what you can expect of those who will be looking after your child while at church organisation and how you can help us with that responsibility.

The Presbyterian Church in Ireland has a child protection programme called Taking Care.

Our aim is to provide a safe environment for children, young people, volunteers and workers.

Child protection policy

Every Presbyterian congregation has a child protection policy which is readily available.

Taking Care Training is provided for everyone who works with children and young people. Leaders must attend the training every three years.

Every congregation has at least one Designated Person for child protection through whom any concerns about a child should be discussed.

Appointment of leaders

All new leaders must go through an appointment process which includes references, Kirk Session approval and a criminal records check.

The Presbyterian Church In Ireland is registered with Access NI and the National Youth Council Ireland for Garda Vetting.



Good advice

Encourage leaders and give them your support. Remember they are mostly volunteers!

Get to know who is working with your child.

Offer to help when an extra pair of hands is needed?

If you have any concerns or suggestions talk to the leader in charge.



Parents...

It is your responsibility to:-

- Return all consent forms as soon as possible.
- Let leaders know of any changes.
- Respect start and end times of organisations.
- Tell leaders about any relevant medical conditions (including dietary requirements) and other special needs.
- Explain to your child that they must abide by the rules of the organisation they attend.

Remember!

If there is a concern for your child's welfare leaders must report this to the Designated Person for Child Protection in your congregation.

Leaders...

Leaders will make sure that:

- Consent forms are given to children/parents
- Personal information is kept confidential at all times
- Parental consent is sought for taking photographs and videos of children

Accidents do happen!

In the event of an accident, leaders will:

- Provide First Aid
- Inform parents of any accidents or incidents involving their child
- Complete the Accident/Incident form

Leaders will:

- Respect each child
- Not tolerate bullying
- Never use force other than to defend a child
- Be inclusive of all children
- Deal with any concern or disclosure relating to a child's wellbeing



The Name of your child's **Congregation**

The Name of your child's **Leader in Charge**

Tel: _____