

Parish of Ballynure & Ballyeaston (Ballyclare)



Code of Behaviour (v1.0 Final)

(For youth and children's ministry)

Group/Organisation:.....

The code of behaviour for the children and youth in parish activities is to ensure that children and young people are treated fairly and are aware of their basic rights and responsibilities here. It aims to help foster co-operation, respect and encouragement and prevent unacceptable behaviour.

Whilst the following outlines our agreed values, each organisation will also collaborate with its children to adopt/agree a charter written in language which is suitable for children. This will be reviewed at the beginning of September each year.

Children, young people and leaders are expected to:

- Be friendly and supportive to each other.
- Respect the views, feelings and differences of others.
- Participate in the group activities.
- Respect the property and belongings of others.
- Not pressurise anyone to undertake something they are uncomfortable with.
- Not use any language or behaviour that could upset or disrespect others, particularly when it could be construed as bullying.
- Refrain from bringing any banned substances into the group such as alcohol or drugs.
- Refrain from taking photos or sharing information about others online without their expressed permission and the permission of leaders.
- Respect the wishes of leaders in directing the activities of the group.
- Report risky situations, incidents and inappropriate behaviour to the group leadership.
- Be willing to apologise to each other when conflict occurs.

If a child/youth breaks the code they will be:

- Reminded of the code and supported to make better choices
- If there is continued challenge in behaviour from a child, there may be further consequences such as loss of privileges. The leader in these situations will ensure a clear explanation is provided to the child.
- Should these challenges in behaviour continue, after all support has been provided, it may be necessary in the interest of safety for the child and the organisation, to no longer participate in the group. This will be recorded on an incident form and parents/guardians will be informed.

ADOPTED BY THE GROUP ON: _____
(Date)

SIGNED: _____
(Leader in charge)