

**Ecumenical Catholic
Church UK**

SAFEGUARDING POLICY FOR LOCAL COMMUNITY PARISHES

Children and Vulnerable Adults



UK



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1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The Ecumenical Catholic Church UK recognises an individual's right to protection from abuse. The welfare of children and vulnerable adults are paramount. We will seek to establish a caring environment in which there is an informed vigilance about the dangers of abuse. Protecting and safeguarding is everybody's business.
- 1.2 We will follow changes in legislation, statutory guidance and recognised good practice to protect children and vulnerable people within the community parishes of the Ecumenical Catholic Church UK.
- 1.3 We will implement, maintain and regularly review the procedures outlined in this policy, which are designed to prevent and to be aware towards abuse.
- 1.4 This policy is underpinned by our values:
 - 1.4.1 **Privacy**: the right of individuals to be left alone or undisturbed and free from intrusion or public attention into their affairs.
 - 1.4.2 **Dignity**: recognition of the intrinsic value of people regardless of circumstances by respecting their uniqueness and personal needs; treating with respect.
 - 1.4.3 **Independence**: opportunities to act and think without reference to another person, including a willingness to incur a degree of calculated risk.
 - 1.4.4 **Choice**: opportunity to select independently from a range of options
 - 1.4.5 **Rights**: the maintenance of all entitlements associated with citizenship
 - 1.4.6 **Fulfillment**: the realisation of personal aspirations and abilities in all aspects of daily life.
 - 1.4.7 **Valuing diversity**: respect for difference cultures, ethnic backgrounds, disabilities, ages, gender identities, sexual preferences, marital status, pregnancy.
- 1.5 This policy has been adapted from the 'Sample Safeguarding Policy June 2015', provided online by the United Reformed Church, and 'No Secrets', the national guidance on developing and implementing multi-agency policies and procedures to protect vulnerable adults from abuse (Department of Health, 2000).

2. AIMS OF THE POLICY

- 2.1 The aim of this policy is to outline the practice and procedures for promoting safeguarding, preventing abuse, raise awareness and provide a clear framework for action when abuse is suspected.
- 2.2 The policy applies to:
 - 2.2.1 All those who attend our services, whether in churches or private dwellings
 - 2.2.2 All voluntary, paid, lay or ordained individuals who come into regular contact with children and those who may be considered vulnerable adults.
 - 2.2.3 All those that clergy come into contact with outside of our churches or private dwellings in the course of pastoral care.
- 2.3 The policy and procedures should be interpreted in the light of the most recent good practice guidance. Children and parents / carers will be informed of this policy and our procedures.

3. DEFINITIONS

- 3.1 The term 'children' refers to those who are under the age of 18 years.
- 3.2 'No Secrets' defines a vulnerable adult as:
 - 'A person (over 18) who is or may be in need of community care services by reason of mental or other disability*, age or illness
 - And**
 - Who is or may be unable to take care of him or herself, or unable to protect him or herself against significant harm or exploitation.'
 - *Disability includes sensory impairment, physical impairment, learning difficulties etc.
- 3.3 'No Secrets' defines abuse as:
 - 'Abuse is a violation of an individual's human and civil rights by any other person or persons.'

4. DUTY OF CARE AND CONFIDENTIALITY

- 4.1 We have a duty of care to all those who are in our congregations or receive pastoral care, whether adults or children. We will maintain confidentiality at all times, except where the individual or individuals are deemed to be at risk.

5. PREVENTING ABUSE

- 5.1 A Safeguarding Officer is appointed by the Bishop Ordinary for the Ecumenical Catholic Church UK and has specific responsibilities for safeguarding within the Ecumenical Catholic Church UK. They are the person to whom all concerns or allegations should be addressed. Their contact details can be found in the Key Contacts appendix.
- 5.2 Each community parish priest will take on the specific responsibilities for safeguarding for their community parish. Although we recognise that safeguarding within the Ecumenical Catholic Church UK is not just the church's responsibility but everyone's.
- 5.3 Activities will be organised in such a way as to promote a safe environment and healthy relationships, whilst minimizing opportunities of the risk of harm to children and vulnerable adults, misunderstandings and false accusations.
- 5.4 For each event:
- 5.4.1 Risk assessments will be carried out;
 - 5.4.2 Where photographs / filming are to be taken either:
 - 5.4.2.1 one person takes photos / films who is aware of who is not allowed to have their photo taken or be recorded
 - 5.4.2.2 or an announcement is made that states some individuals are not allowed / do not wish to have their image put on social media / websites and it is requested that photos / filming are taken of your own family.
 - 5.4.3 Appropriate consent forms completed for displaying images of children on the Ecumenical Catholic Church UK's:
 -  Website
 -  Social media accounts which include and are not restricted to
 -  Facebook pages
 -  Twitter account feeds
 -  Publication material
 - 5.4.4 Appropriate consent forms completed for storing electronic images for the purpose of displaying them digitally
 - 5.4.5 Appropriate records will be kept
- 5.5 We are committed to safer recruitment and selection of all volunteers, lay or ordained and will ensure that these procedures are followed, which include:
- 5.5.1 Asking applicants to complete an application form
 - 5.5.2 Completion of self-declaration forms
 - 5.5.3 Obtaining Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks wherever legally entitled to do so
 - 5.5.4 Taking up two references
 - 5.5.5 Interviewing applicants

- 5.6 As part of legal requirements DBS checks are to be made every three years for all ordained priests and others who may work closely with children or vulnerable adults.
- 5.7 Safeguarding training will be provided and all paid / voluntary lay or ordained individuals will be given support and supervision in their role.
- 5.8 All paid / voluntary lay or ordained individuals understand that there may be action taken if reasonable efforts are not undertaken to ensure good practice guidelines are followed, which may involve suspension / termination of being a part of the Ecumenical Catholic Church UK.
- 5.9 If we become aware of someone within our congregation known to have harmed children or adults in the past, we will inform the Safeguarding Officer and cooperate with them and the relevant authorities to put in place a plan to minimise the risk of harm to children and adults.
- 5.10 We believe that domestic abuse in all its forms is unacceptable and inconsistent within the values of a Christian way of living and recognise that it can affect both adults and children.
- 5.11 All concerns and allegations of abuse will be responded to appropriately, including referring to the relevant local authority's designated officer, Child or Adult Safeguarding Boards or the police, if necessary.
- 5.12 We will co-operate with the statutory authorities in any investigation, will follow multi-agency decisions and will maintain confidentiality of any investigations to those directly involved.

6. CATEGORIES OF ABUSE

- 6.1 The definitions have been taken from Working Together to Safeguard Children 2013, which apply to England and 'No Secrets', the national guidance on developing and implementing multi-agency policies and procedures to protect vulnerable adults from abuse (Department of Health, 2000). There are national variations for Scotland (National Guidance for Child Protection in Scotland 2014) and Wales (All Wales Child Protection Procedures 2008).
- 6.2 Abuse and neglect are forms of maltreatment of a child. Somebody may abuse or neglect a child by inflicting harm or by failing to act to prevent harm. Children may be abused in a family or in an institutional or community setting, by those known to them or, more rarely, by a stranger, for example, via the internet. They may be abused by an adult or adults, or another child or children
- 6.3 Abuse and neglect of adults at risk is a violation of an individual's human and civil rights by any other person or persons. It may consist of a single act or repeated acts. It may be physical, verbal or psychological, an act of neglect or an omission of act, or it may occur when a vulnerable person is persuaded to enter into a financial or sexual transaction to which he or she has not consented, or cannot consent. Abuse can occur in any relationship and may result in significant harm to, or exploitation of, the person subjected to it.
- 6.4 **Physical abuse** – may involve hitting, slapping, pushing, kicking, shaking, throwing, poisoning, misuse of medication, burning or scalding, drowning, suffocating, restraint or otherwise causing physical harm to a child. Physical harm may also be caused when a parent or carer fabricates the symptoms of or deliberately induces, illness in a child.
- 6.5 **Emotional / psychological abuse** – this is persistent emotional maltreatment, conveying they are worthless, unloved, inadequate, threats of harm, abandonment, deprivation of contact, humiliation, blaming, controlling, intimidation, coercion, harassment, verbal abuse, isolation or withdrawal from services or supportive networks, inappropriate developmental expectations, serious bullying (including cyberbullying), making them feel frightened, in danger, exploitation or corruption of children.
- 6.6 **Sexual abuse** – includes forcing or enticing a child / young person / vulnerable adult to take part in sexual activities, it can include rape, sexual assault or acts to which they have not consented or were pressured into consenting. They may involve inappropriate kissing, rubbing and touching outside of clothing, looking at or being used for the production of sexual images, watching sexual activities, encouraging to behave sexually inappropriately, or grooming a child in preparation of abuse (which includes via the internet). Sexual abuse is perpetrated by man, women and other children.
- 6.7 **Neglect** – this is the persistent failure or act of omission to meet an individual's basic physical and / or psychological needs, which is likely to result in the serious impairment of the individual's health or development. Neglect may occur during pregnancy as a result of maternal substance

abuse. Neglect to a child or vulnerable adult, may involve a parent or carer failing to:

- ④ Provide adequate food, medication, clothing, heating or shelter – including being excluded from home or abandonment
- ④ Protect a child from physical and emotional harm or danger
- ④ Ensure adequate supervision which includes using inadequate caregivers
- ④ Ensure access to appropriate medical care or treatment
- ④ Ensure access to appropriate health, educational or social care services

6.8 **Financial or material abuse** – includes theft, fraud, exploitation, pressure in connection with wills, property or inheritance or financial transactions, or the misuse or misappropriation of property, possessions or benefits of an adult at risk.

6.9 **Discriminatory abuse** – is the inappropriate treatment of an adult at risk because of their age, race, gender, religious belief, cultural background, sexual identity, gender identity or a person's disability and other forms of harassment, slurs or similar treatment. It exists when values, beliefs or culture result in a misuse of power that denies opportunity to some groups or individuals.

6.10 **Institutional abuse** – this is the mistreatment or abuse of an adult at risk by a regime or individuals within an institution, such as a hospital or care home, or in the community. It can be through repeated acts of poor or inadequate care and neglect or poor professional practice.

7. HOW TO RECOGNISE ABUSE

7.1 It is important to be aware of the possible signs and symptoms of abuse. Some signs could be indicators of a number of different categories of abuse.

7.2 It is essential to note that these are only indicators of possible abuse. There may be other innocent reasons for these signs and / or behaviour. They will however be a guide to assist in assessing whether abuse of one form or another is a possible explanation for a child or adult's behaviour.

7.3 **Signs of possible abuse in children include:**

7.3.1 **Physical abuse**

- ⊕ Unexplained injuries
- ⊕ Injuries inconsistent with the explanation
- ⊕ Injuries that reflect an object has been used
- ⊕ Bruising, especially the body, upper arm, shoulders, neck or finger-tip bruising
- ⊕ Burns / scalds, especially from cigarettes
- ⊕ Human bite marks
- ⊕ Fractures, especially spiral
- ⊕ Swelling and lack of normal use of limbs
- ⊕ Serious injury with lack of / inconsistent explanation
- ⊕ Untreated injuries

7.3.2 **Psychological / emotional abuse**

- ⊕ Unusually fearful with adults
- ⊕ Unnaturally compliant to parents
- ⊕ Refusal to discuss injuries / fear of medical help
- ⊕ Withdrawal from physical contact
- ⊕ Aggression towards others
- ⊕ Wears cover up clothing

7.3.3 **Fictitious illness by proxy**

A psychiatric illness, whereby a parent or carer deliberately inflicts harm onto a child, normally the child's mother. The child has commonly had genuine serious illness in the first year of life and a dependency on medical attention has developed in the mother. It is very difficult to diagnose / evidence.

7.3.4 **Female Genital Mutilation**

A cultural (not religious) procedure whereby parts of female genitalia are removed – also referred to as female circumcision. This is normally undertaken on pre-pubescent girls, who are either taken abroad for procedure or 'practitioners' come to the UK. There can be no anaesthetic

and no sterile equipment used. Complications include serious infection, septicaemia, numerous gynaecological problems and in some cases, death.

7.3.5 Emotional abuse

- ⊕ Physical, mental and emotional lags
- ⊕ Acceptance of punishments which appear excessive
- ⊕ Over reaction to mistakes
- ⊕ Continual self-depreciation
- ⊕ Sudden speech disorders
- ⊕ Fear of new situations
- ⊕ Neurotic behaviour (such as rocking, hair twisting, thumb sucking)
- ⊕ Self-harm
- ⊕ Extremes of passivity or aggression
- ⊕ Drug / solvent abuse
- ⊕ Running away
- ⊕ Bullying / aggression
- ⊕ Overly compliant behaviour
- ⊕ Overeating or loss of appetite
- ⊕ Clingy
- ⊕ Fearful / withdrawn
- ⊕ Sleep disorders

7.3.6 Neglect

7.3.6.1 Physical signs include:

- ⊕ Tired / listless
- ⊕ Poor personal hygiene
- ⊕ Poor state of clothing
- ⊕ Emaciation, potbelly, short stature
- ⊕ Poor skin tone and hair tone
- ⊕ Untreated medical problems
- ⊕ Failure to thrive with no medical reason

7.3.6.2 Psychological signs include:

- ⊕ Constant hunger
- ⊕ Constant tiredness
- ⊕ Frequent lateness / non-attendance at school
- ⊕ Destructive tendencies
- ⊕ Low self-esteem

- ⊕ Neurotic behaviour
- ⊕ No social relationships
- ⊕ Running away
- ⊕ Compulsive stealing / scavenging
- ⊕ accidents / accidental injuries

7.3.7 **Sexual abuse**

7.3.7.1 **Physical signs include:**

- ⊕ Damage to genitalia, anus or mouth
- ⊕ Sexually transmitted disease
- ⊕ Unexpected pregnancy, especially in very young girls
- ⊕ Soreness to genitalia, anus or mouth
- ⊕ Repeated stomach aches
- ⊕ Loss of weight
- ⊕ Gaining weight
- ⊕ Unexplained recurrent urinary tract infections, discharges or abdominal pain
- ⊕ Unexplained gifts / money

7.3.7.2 **Psychological / emotional signs include:**

- ⊕ Sexual knowledge inappropriate for the child's age
- ⊕ Sexualized behaviour in young children
- ⊕ Sexually provocative behaviour / promiscuity
- ⊕ Hinting at sexual activity
- ⊕ Sudden changes in personality
- ⊕ Lack of concentration, restlessness
- ⊕ Socially withdrawn
- ⊕ Overly compliant behaviour
- ⊕ Poor trust in significant adults
- ⊕ Regressive behaviour, onset of wetting – day or night
- ⊕ Suicide attempts, self-mutilation, self-disgust
- ⊕ Eating disorders

7.4 **Signs of possible abuse in adults:**

7.4.1 **Physical**

- ⊕ A history of unexplained falls, fractures, bruises, burns, minor injuries
- ⊕ Signs of under or over use of medication and / or medical problems unattended

7.4.2 **Psychological**

- ⊕ Alteration in psychological state – withdrawn, agitated, anxious, tearful
- ⊕ Intimidated or subdued in the presence of the carer
- ⊕ Fearful, flinching or frightened of making choices or expressing wishes
- ⊕ Unexplained paranoia

7.4.3 **Sexual**

- ⊕ Pregnancy in a woman who is unable to consent to sexual intercourse
- ⊕ Unexplained change in behaviour or sexually implicit / explicit behaviour
- ⊕ Torn, stained or bloody underwear and / or unusual difficulty in walking or sitting
- ⊕ Infections or sexually transmitted diseases
- ⊕ Full or partial disclosure or hints of sexual abuse
- ⊕ Self-harming

7.4.4 **Neglect or Omission**

- ⊕ Malnutrition, weight loss and / or persistent hunger
- ⊕ Poor physical condition, poor hygiene, varicose ulcers, pressure sores
- ⊕ Being left in wet clothing or bedding and / or clothing in a poor condition
- ⊕ Failure to access appropriate health, educational services or social care
- ⊕ No callers or visitors

7.4.5 **Financial or Material**

- ⊕ Disparity between assets and living conditions
- ⊕ Unexplained withdrawals from accounts or disappearance of financial documents
- ⊕ Sudden inability to pay bills
- ⊕ Carers or professionals fail to account for expenses incurred on a person's behalf
- ⊕ Recent changes of deed or title to property

7.4.6 **Discriminatory**

- ⊕ Inappropriate remarks, comments or lack of respect

- ⊕ Poor quality or avoidance of care

7.4.7 Institutional

- ⊕ Lack of flexibility or choice over meals, bed times, visitors, phone calls, etc.
- ⊕ Inadequate medical care and misuse of medication
- ⊕ Inappropriate use of restraint
- ⊕ Sensory deprivation e.g. denial of use of spectacles or hearing aids
- ⊕ Missing documents and /or absence of individual care plans
- ⊕ Public discussion of private matter
- ⊕ Lack of opportunity for social, educational or recreational activity

8. PROCEDURE FOR DISCLOSURE OR ALLEGATION OF ABUSE

If a child, young person or adult makes a disclosure that they are being abused and / or an allegation of abuse against someone, it is important that the person being told:

- 8.1 Stays calm and listens carefully
- 8.2 Reassures them that they have done the right thing in telling
- 8.3 Does not investigate or ask leading questions
- 8.4 Explains that they will need to tell someone else if anyone is at risk of harm, in order to help them
- 8.5 Does not promise to keep secret what they have been told
- 8.6 Informs the community parish priest as soon as possible (if they are implicated in the allegation then informs the Safeguarding Officer)
- 8.7 Makes a written record of the allegation, disclosure or incident and signs and dates this record. A copy of this must then be given to the Safeguarding Officer. Both copies must be stored securely in a locked filing cabinet. Documents should always be emailed securely via password protection, if you don't know how to do this then post the document.

9. PROCEDURE IN THE EVENT OF A CONCERN OF ABUSE

If there is an immediate threat of harm, the Police should be contacted without delay.

Where it is judged that there is no immediate threat of harm, the following will occur:

- 9.1 The concern should be discussed with Safeguarding Officer and a decision made as to whether the concern warrants a referral to the statutory authorities
- 9.2 A confidential record will be made of the conversation and the circumstances surrounding it. This record will be kept securely and a copy passed to statutory authorities if a referral is made.
- 9.3 The person about whom the allegation is made must not be informed by anyone, if it is judged that to do so could place a child or adult at increased risk. If the statutory authorities are involved, they should be consulted beforehand.
- 9.4 The Safeguarding Officer should be kept informed of any serious concerns

10. IF SOMEONE IN THE CHURCH IS ALLEGED OR KNOWN TO HAVE HARMED CHILDREN OR ADULTS

The Safeguarding Officer should be informed, so that they can offer advice and support, and the relevant statutory authority should be informed.

11. IF THE ALLEGATION CONCERNS A LAY / ORDAINED MEMBER OF THE CHURCH

- 11.1 For any concerns relating to children, the Safeguarding Officer will contact the Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO) or equivalent for Scotland and Wales.
- 11.2 The timing and method of any action to be taken will be discussed and agreed with the LADO. This will cover communication with the individual, suspension, investigation and possible strategy meetings. A decision will be taken by the LADO about when to inform the individual and the church will follow this advice.
- 11.3 For concerns relating to adults, Adult Social Care / Adult Safeguarding Board will be contacted.
- 11.4 In accordance with the law, a referral will be made to the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) if the Ecumenical Catholic Church UK withdraws permission for an individual to engage in work with children / adults at risk OR would have done so had the individual not resigned, retired or been transferred to a different position because the Ecumenical Catholic Church UK believes that the individual has engaged in relevant conduct, satisfied the harm test or committed an offence that would lead to automatic inclusion on a barred list.

12. CONCERNS, COMPLAINTS AND COMPLIMENTS

- 12.1 Should anyone have any concerns, complaints or compliments, please contact the Bishop or the Safeguarding Officer.
- 12.2 It would be helpful to have complaints in writing, to avoid any misunderstandings about what the issue is. However, whether verbal or in writing, complaints will be acted upon. Any written complaint will be responded to within 14 days.

13. REVIEW

The Bishop and clergy of the Ecumenical Catholic Church UK will review this policy annually, amending and updating it as required.

KEY CONTACTS: SOURCES OF ADVICE AND SUPPORT

Ecumenical Catholic Church UK

The Safeguarding Officer is the person to whom all concerns or allegations should be addressed:

Name: Fr Tom Armstrong-Collett or Rob Armstrong-Collett
Telephone: 079 2004 8335 078 0181 7058
Email: revdtoma@gmail.com

If you are unable to contact the Safeguarding Officers contact the Bishop Ordinary of the Ecumenical Catholic Church UK

Churches Child Protection Advisory Service (CCPAS)

This is only to be used if neither the Bishop or the Safeguarding Coordinator are unavailable for urgent advice:

24hr helpline: 0845 120 4550

Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO) or equivalent for Scotland and Wales:

Your local Authority:

Local Authority Designated Officer Tel:

Adult Safeguarding Board

Tel:

Website:

Email:

Report an adult at risk:

Adult Services Tel:

Police (for info) 101

Emergency dial 999

Child Safeguarding Board

Tel:

Website:

Email:

Report a Child at risk:

Childrens Services Tel:

Emergency Duty Team (Out of Office Hours) Tel:

Police (for info) 101

Emergency dial 999



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Safeguarding Incident Recording Form

Basic information	
Full name of child, young person or adult concerned	
Address (including postcode)	
Email address	
Telephone Number	
Date of birth	
Date and time of incident	
Location of incident	
Other people present (witnesses)	
Record of incident (continue on a separate sheet if necessary)	
<p>Please ensure you are as accurate and detailed as possible. Use quotes wherever possible – do not interpret what was said using your own words.</p> <p>Include details such as tone of voice, facial expression and body language.</p> <p>Record what you said as well as what the child, young person or adult said.</p> <p>If you have formed an opinion please state it, making it clear that it is your opinion and give reasons for forming that opinion.</p>	

Who has been spoken to about the incident?			
<i>Position / Organisation</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Email</i>	<i>Telephone Number</i>
Church Safeguarding Coordinator			
Bishop Ordinary			
Children's Services			
Adult Services			
Police			
NSPCC			
Parent / Carer			
Other (please state role and organisation)			
Feedback and follow up actions (continue on a separate sheet if necessary)			

Name: _____
 (person who completed this report)

Position held in the church:

Signed: _____

Dated: _____



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Photography and Filming Consent Form

Section 5.4 of the Safeguarding Policy:

- 5.4 For each event:
 - 5.4.1 Risk assessments will be carried out;
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 - 5.4.2.1 one person takes photos / films who is aware of who is not allowed to have their photo taken or be recorded
 - 5.4.2.2 or an announcement is made that states some individuals are not allowed / do not wish to have their image put on social media / websites and it is requested that photos / filming are taken of your own family.
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Information for parents and carers

Ecumenical Catholic Church UK, which this Parish community is a part of, aims to provide a safe and enjoyable experience for every child or young person. To help us do this, please note the following important information:

- 📌 We recognise the need to ensure the welfare and safety of all children.
- 📌 We have written a policy statement which sets out how photographs and videos of children involved in our activities should be taken and shared. A copy of this is available from our website www.ecc-uk.church
- 📌 We will take all steps to ensure images of children are used solely for the purposes they are intended. If you become aware that these images are being used inappropriately you should inform the priest immediately.
- 📌 We will not take or share photographs, video or other images of children and young people without the consent of the children involved and their parents or carers.

Young person (aged 13 to 18 only): please read the following consent form and discuss it with your parents, carers and group leader, then fill in the form.

Parents and carers: please read and discuss this consent form with your child and then fill it in, ask your child to fill it in, and return it to the priest. If you have any questions or concerns please speak to the priest.



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Parents/carers

- I **confirm** that I have read section 5.4 of the Ecumenical Catholic Church's Safeguarding policy [please tick].

I **agree** to [please tick]:

- my child's photograph being used within the Ecumenical Catholic Church UK for display purposes
- my child's photograph being used within other printed publications
- my child's photograph being used on the Ecumenical Catholic Church UK's website
- my child being videoed for use on Ecumenical Catholic Church UK's website
- my child's photograph being used on Ecumenical Catholic Church UK's social media pages
- my child being videoed for use on Ecumenical Catholic Church UK's social media pages.

I **understand** [please tick]:

- the potential risks associated with the use and distribution of these images
- how these images or videos will be stored within the organisation and how long for
- that if I withdraw consent for my child's image to be used or shared in the future, it may not be possible to remove images that have already been published or distributed
- that at many events, Ecumenical Catholic Church UK and others will reasonably wish to take wide angle, general photos during or at specific points in the event
- that I must *[delete as applicable]*
 - gain permission before sharing photographs/videos of other people's children on social media or
 - not share photographs/videos taken during Ecumenical Catholic Church UK's events on social media
- that if I share images of my child with friends and family, I should check the privacy settings of my social media account first to understand who else will be able to view these images.

Print name

Signature

Date



Ecumenical Catholic Church UK

Child/young person (ages 13 to 18 only)

- I **have read or been told** about section 5.4 of the Ecumenical Catholic Church's Safeguarding policy [please tick].

I agree to [please tick]:

- my photograph being used within Ecumenical Catholic Church UK for display purposes
- my photograph being used within other printed publications
- my photograph being used on Ecumenical Catholic Church UK's website
- videos of me being used on Ecumenical Catholic Church UK's website
- my photograph being used on Ecumenical Catholic Church UK's social media pages
- videos of me being used on Ecumenical Catholic Church UK's social media pages

I understand [please tick]:

- the potential risks from my image being used or shared online
- how these photographs or videos will be stored at Ecumenical Catholic Church UK
- that at many events, Ecumenical Catholic Church UK and others will want to take general photos of the event taking place
- that I must *[delete as applicable]*
 - gain permission before sharing photographs/videos of other children on social media or
 - not share photographs/videos taken during Ecumenical Catholic Church UK's events on social media
- that if I share images of myself or other children with friends and family, I should check the privacy settings of my social media account first to understand who else will be able to view these images
- that if I decide I don't want images of me to be used in the future, it may not be possible to delete images that have already been published or shared

Print name

Signature

Date