

North Point Church Code of Conduct

Online Safety Policy

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Purpose:

This policy ensures that staff and volunteers maintain safe and professional communication with children, young people, and vulnerable adults online, while safeguarding their privacy and security.

Guidelines for Church Workers/Volunteers:

- **Communication:** Maintain a friendly but professional tone at all times. Avoid personal or overly familiar communication.
- **Transparency:** Only communicate with children and young people using church-approved methods (e.g., official email, church social media accounts).
- **Parents' Consent:** Ensure parents are aware and have given permission for any communication with children.
- **Records:** Log all digital communication and ensure it is open and accessible to supervisors.
- **Social Media:** Use only monitored and approved church social media groups. Personal interaction or private messages should be avoided.

Acceptable Use:

- Do not use personal email or social media accounts to communicate with children or vulnerable adults.
- Do not engage in any online behaviour that could be construed as inappropriate or unsafe.
- Report any online communication that raises safeguarding concerns to the Safeguarding Coordinator.

Consent for Photographic Images and Videos Online:

- Obtain parental consent before taking or using any photographs of children.

- Do not share images that could identify children or reveal personal information.
 - Ensure any photos or videos used are appropriate, with a clear purpose stated.
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Volunteer Declaration:

I have read and agree to abide by the North Point Church Online Safety Policy. I understand that any breach of this policy may result in disciplinary action.

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Leader's Acknowledgment:

I confirm that I have discussed this Online Safety Policy with the volunteer and they have agreed to adhere to it.

Leader's Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

