

Church of The Good Shepherd, Cox Green

Online Safety Agreement for use with Young People

The Church of the Good Shepherd understands the importance of children being able to use the internet for education and personal development. This includes social media platforms, games and apps. We aim to support children and young people in making use of these in our Shine children's and young people's groups and other children and young people's activities. However, we also recognise that safeguards need to be in place to ensure children are kept safe at all times.

This agreement is part of our overarching **code of behaviour for children and young people and staff and volunteers**. It also fits with our overarching **online safety policy**. If you would like to know more about this, please speak to our Parish Safeguarding Officer or Safeguarding Administrator.

More information about online safety is available from learning.nspcc.org.uk/safeguardingchild-protection/online-safety-for-organisations-and-groups

Young person: please read the following agreement and discuss it with your parents/carers and group leader.

Parents/carers: please read and discuss this agreement with your child and then sign it, ask your child to sign it, and return it to the group leader. If you have any questions or concerns, please speak to our Parish Safeguarding Officer or Safeguarding Administrator.

Young person's agreement

- I will not usually bring my mobile phone with me to Shine activities. In exceptional circumstances where I do, I will hand my phone into the Shine leaders for the duration of the session.
- I will be responsible for my behaviour when using the internet, including social media platforms, games and apps. This includes the resources I access and the language I use.
- I will not deliberately browse, download or upload material that could be considered offensive or illegal. If I accidentally come across any such material, I will report it immediately to the group leader.
- I will not send anyone material that could be considered threatening, bullying, offensive or illegal.
- I will not give out any personal information online, such as my name, phone number or address.
- I will not reveal my passwords to anyone.
- I will not arrange a face-to-face meeting with someone I meet online unless I have discussed this with my parents and/or group leader and am accompanied by a trusted adult.
- If I am concerned or upset about anything I see on the internet or any messages that I receive, I know I can talk to the Vicar, one of my Shine group leaders or helpers, the Parish Safeguarding Officer or my parents.

I understand that my internet use at The Church of The Good Shepherd will be monitored and logged and can be made available to the group leader. I understand that these rules are designed to keep me safe and that if I choose not to follow them, The Church of The Good Shepherd may contact my parents/carers.

Signatures:

We have discussed this online safety agreement and [child's name]
agrees to follow the rules set out above.

Parent/carer signature..... Date.....

Young person's signature..... Date