

Kings Norton Team Parish

Safeguarding Guidelines - Hire of Church Premises

The PCC has a duty of care to advise individuals and organisations working with children and young people who hire or use church property, of their responsibility as hirers for the welfare and safety of the children in their care and the importance of maintaining a healthy and safe environment.

All hirers should be made aware of the Parish policy and a copy should be displayed prominently in each room being hired. They should be informed of the name and contact details of the Parish Safeguarding Children Co-ordinator and made aware that their activity is not insured under church insurance.

Organisations who hire church premises for activities with children or young people should sign the statement below confirming that workers/volunteers who staff their activities will comply with all current safeguarding legislation and government guidance and will make themselves familiar with the Parish's Child Protection Policy.

Private individuals who wish to hire church premises for ad-hoc events must sign the same statement agreeing to take full responsibility for the children and young people at their event.

Prayer ministry

Other groups that use the church and/or other buildings, who may offer prayer ministry, should be made aware of your guidelines and have guidelines of their own governing this ministry. If you witness or become aware of any abuse during prayer ministry by others this should always be reported.

Hirers of Church Premises

Name of Parish:

Date & Time of Event:

Type of Event:

Please complete either section 1 or 2

1. Organisations

Organisations who hire church premises for work with children, young people and/or vulnerable adults should complete the following statement:

The organisation confirms that in all its activities with children (aged 0 – 17) and/or vulnerable adults it will comply with all current safeguarding legislation and government guidance.

We have our own child protection and / or vulnerable adults safeguarding policy and procedures, (a copy of which will be given to the parish) and confirm that all those who staff our activities on these premises understand and have agreed to follow them and have been safely recruited.

We understand that the parish accepts no responsibility for our failure to comply with the above requirements.

Signed (on behalf of the organisation)

Date

2. Private Individuals

Private individuals hiring church premises for the purpose of ad-hoc or personal invitation events at which children and/or vulnerable adults will be present, should complete the following statement:

I _____ (in block capitals) agree to take full responsibility for the welfare of the children, young people and/or vulnerable adults who attend the event on the above date and will take all reasonable steps to prevent harm to children, young people and/or vulnerable adults.

Signed

Date

Please be aware that your activity is not covered by the church's insurance.