CYF Activities Contract

Locking Castle Church is committed to creating a safe and welcoming environment for children, young people, and families. To ensure your children's safety and help us provide the best possible activities, and to ensure that everyone is 'on the same page', we require those with parental responsibility to please read and agree the following:

Guidelines for Participation

1. **Consent Form Requirement**
   Children can only participate in church activities if a completed consent form has been submitted. This ensures we have the necessary information to care for your child. Please click here to access the consent form.

2. **Sign-In and Emergency Procedures**

   - Parent(s)/guardian(s) must escort their primary-aged children (ages 4–11) to sign them in for Kids Church.
   - Upon signing in, you will receive a buzzer, which will alert you in case of an emergency. Please come promptly to the back hall to collect your child if notified. When instructed at the end of the talk, the buzzer can be returned upon collection by your child(ren). N.B. The buzzers may also be used if a child(ren) is perceived as misbehaving by endangering or being disruptive to the group.

3. **Supervision of Pre-School and Younger Children**

   - Parent(s)/guardian(s) of pre-school-aged children or younger are required to always remain with their child(ren).
   - A family room is available for you to use during the service. This room has a speaker so you can listen to the main service. Talks are also recorded and available later on YouTube and Spotify.

4. **Parental Responsibility During Services**

   - Parent(s)/guardian(s) are to supervise their children unless they are in a specific group and after the service.
   - Please set an example for your children by conducting yourself in a way that is respectful and mindful of others in the church. This, in turn, aids your young person's faith journey.

5. **Toileting Policy**

   - If your child needs the toilet during Kids Church, our toileting policy will be followed. [Click here to read the policy].

6. **General Safety**

   - Please be aware that church doors are usually unlocked during services. We ask that you always know where your children are to ensure their safety.

7. **Volunteer-Led Activities**

   - As volunteers run our activities, there may be occasions when we cannot provide scheduled activities due to a shortage of helpers. If this happens, we will notify you as soon as possible, though it may occasionally be on short notice.
   - Where we provide Children's, Young People's or Family (CYF) activities, we do so as a church family, where most of the adult input is from volunteers, not professional child-minders, teachers or youth workers. All our volunteers and our staff team are appropriately vetted and receive regular safeguarding and other training. We also aim to have first-aiders available where possible, but this cannot be guaranteed at every CYF event.
     We aim to welcome all who wish to attend our CYF activities, including those with additional needs.

     For full details of our safeguarding procedures, please Click Here.