



## Canterbury Cathedral Youth Choir – Code of Conduct (Ages 7–11)

### **Our Values:**

**We aim to create a safe, respectful, and joyful environment where every singer can learn, grow, and enjoy music together.**

### **1. Respect for Others**

- Be kind and polite to everyone - fellow choir members, leaders and chaperones.
- Listen carefully when someone is speaking or singing.
- No teasing, bullying, or hurtful language.

### **2. Respect for the Space**

- Treat The Community Studio and all equipment (music stands, folders, books) with care.
- Keep the area tidy and follow instructions about where to sit or stand.
- Move around the Cathedral Precincts and inside the Cathedral in a quiet and respectful manner.

### **3. Commitment and Effort**

- Attend rehearsals regularly. We expect 100% commitment except in the case of unavoidable absence (eg. illness) and excused absence by prior arrangement with the Choir Director. If overall attendance, including unavoidable and excused absence, falls below 80% a meeting will be arranged with the Choir Director, Chorister Welfare Lead and choir member's parents / carers in order to discuss next steps. This may result in your choir place being given to another child on our waiting list.
- Arrive on time. Allow at least 10 minutes in order to sign in and have your snack. If you are more than 15 minutes late to a rehearsal it will count as an absence.
- Bring your music folder, pencil with rubber and water bottle every week.
- Do your music learning homework.
- Try your best in every rehearsal and performance.

### **4. Positive Attitude**

- Encourage each other and celebrate teamwork.
- Ask for help if you don't understand something - never be afraid to learn and don't give up!

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## 5. Safety First

- Follow instructions from choir staff at all times.
- Stay with the group during rehearsals. If you need to leave the room (eg. to go to the toilet) a chaperone will take you and bring you back.
- Tell an adult if you feel worried or unsafe.
- After rehearsals wait patiently until the chaperones sign you out and hand you over, one by one, back to your parents / guardians.

## 6. Communication

- If you can't attend a rehearsal, let the Choir Director know as soon as possible in advance.
- Share any concerns with a trusted adult or choir leader.

## 7. Mobile phones

- If you own a mobile telephone it must be placed on silent and kept out of sight in a bag or coat pocket for the duration of the entire rehearsal (from drop off to pick up).

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## Consequences for Breaking the CCYC Code of Conduct:

- First: A gentle reminder.
- Second: A conversation with the Choir Director.
- Third: Contact with parents/guardians and possible removal from an activity / performance / the choir.

**Signed by singer:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signed by parent / guardian of singer:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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