

CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL VISITING SCHOOLS

CHILD PROTECTION POLICY

The Schools Department of Canterbury Cathedral values young people and children as being a vital part of the organisation. We aim to provide a healthy and safe environment whilst enabling visiting school children to enjoy the opportunities afforded within the cathedral and precincts.

This policy is to be read with the Cathedrals Safeguarding Policy.

Aims

- To be a centre of excellence for education and learning
- To provide opportunities for learning in a safe and supportive environment.

Organisation

1. **School staff are responsible at all times for the supervision of children in their care whilst on Cathedral premises.**
2. A group of children or young people should not be left unattended by their own school staff at any time, in adherence with your own school policy. All contact details for teachers must be given to the Welcome Centre on arrival and should be checked and correct.
3. In the organisation of any school trip to Canterbury Cathedral, the Schools Department expect that the relevant risk assessments will have been undertaken by visiting teachers.
4. All visiting teachers are welcome to undertake a free pre-visit to the Cathedral in order to see the facilities offered and discuss any concerns regarding the organisation and content of the visit.
5. It is expected that school staff will have a register of all children in their group including relevant information about health and emergency contacts. These should be kept securely by school staff at all times.

Child Protection

If any worker has any child safety concerns, they should discuss them with the designated Schools Officer Mrs Zoe Willis or her deputy Tracey Margrave. She will take on the following responsibilities:

- Being the first point of contact for child protection issues relating to school visits;
- Keeping a record of any concerns expressed about child protection issues;
- Bringing any child protection concerns to the notice of the Cathedral Safeguarding Lead and/or the KCC LADO

The policy will be reviewed on an annual basis to ensure that it is meeting its aims.

This policy was adopted by the Cathedral Safeguarding Executive Group on 20th May 2021.