

Telford Buddhist Priory

Child Protection Code of Conduct

If involved with children aged under 18, taking part in activities organised by or in association with the Telford Buddhist Priory.

I will do my best to

- treat all children and young people with respect and kindness.
- be an example of the good conduct I wish to see in young people and others.
- respect a young person's right to personal privacy.
- encourage young people and adults to feel comfortable and caring enough to point out attitudes or behaviour they do not like.
- remember that someone else might misinterpret my actions, no matter how well-intentioned
- be aware that physical contact with a child or young person may be misinterpreted.
- co-operate within our charity's Child protection policy.
- give guidance and support to less experienced helpers, colleagues and volunteers.
- challenge unacceptable behaviour and report all allegations/suspensions of abuse to our Safeguarding officer, Karen Richards
- **ensure that, whenever possible, there is more than one adult present during activities with children or at least that we are within sight or hearing of others.**

This is for my own protection as well as for the protection of children and young people in our care.

I will not

- allow someone who is likely to pose a risk to children to have contact with children (ie someone known to have a conviction for sexual or violent offences, or someone who has disclosed a sexual interest in children).
- attempt to contact anyone under the age of 18 by phone, text, email or social media, without checking with our Safeguarding officer as to what terms have been agreed with the child's parent/guardian.
- have inappropriate physical or verbal contact with children or young people.
- make suggestive or derogatory remarks or gestures in front of children or young people.
- exaggerate or trivialise child-abuse issues.
- rely on my good name or that of our charity to protect me.
- assume "Things like that could never happen here" or "They would never do a thing like that."

I will do my best to avoid

- being alone in a room with a person under 18 out of sight or hearing of others.
- engaging in attention-seeking behaviour.
- jumping to conclusions without checking facts.
- showing favouritism to any child.

I have read the guidance above and agree to abide by it.

Name

Signature

Date

This Child Protection Code of Conduct is to be read in conjunction with the Priory's Child Protection Policy.

Adoption and Review

Version 5.0 of this Code of Conduct was adopted by the trustees of the Priory on 22 January 2025. It is reviewed by the trustees annually and updated as required.

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