



St. Philips Church Scholes Use of Mobile Phone Policy

This Policy is part of St. Philips safeguarding commitment to take appropriate steps to maintain a safer environment for all, under the Church of England's six overarching safeguarding policy commitments. (see Promoting a Safer Church)

Church Services

Mobile phones must be turned off or in silent mode during church services so as not to disturb the worship.

Children's Areas

Mobile phones must not be used in the designated children's area of the church at any time.

Mobile phones must not be used in designated children's activity sessions; IMPACT, unless a necessary part of the teaching and learning and worship.

All adults seated in the designated children's area or supervising in children's sessions must ensure that mobile phones are used only in case of emergency.

Use of Church Building

St. Philips adopts the '[Promoting a Safer Church](#)' safeguarding policy statement. Those worshipping, meeting and socialising within the church must adhere to this policy statement.

The terms of hiring the church includes this safeguarding statement.



Photographs/Images

Those acting in loco parentis; including child minders; teachers, must ensure they have permissions from parents to take photographs of children and keep these on mobile phones to be shared with parents at a later date.

Organised activities within the church will specifically ask for permissions to use photographs on social media and the church website. This may include a sign in sheet, or a notice given at an event, giving notice that images maybe taken and used. Parents can then opt out of images being used.

How Will This Policy Be Made Public?

- Signage will be put up within the children's area banning mobile phones.
- Policy will be displayed on church notice board, next to the safeguarding policy statements adopted by the PCC.
- Policy will be displayed on the Church Website
- Signage and information at sign in point for activities and groups.
- Church safeguarding lead to ensure PCC have full understanding of the policy.
- All PCC members have responsibility to ensure policy is followed.
- Safeguarding lead will explain policy to the congregation three times annually.

This Use of Mobile Phone within the Church Policy Statement was adopted by St. Philips, Scholes at a Parochial Church Council meeting held on 8th July 2019