



Central Council of Church Bell Ringers

"Registered Charity number 270036"

Tower Stewardship Committee

Dear PCC Members,

Child Protection Guidelines

I am pleased to supply this copy of the Central Council's Child Protection Guidelines for your tower. The Central Council has published guidelines for several years, reflecting recent legislative changes and also to provide detailed guidance.

Bell ringing provides an excellent activity for young people and many of those recruited to ringing in their teens go on to enjoy a lifetime of good fellowship and service to the Church as ringers. Its blend of body-mind coordination, teamwork and personal challenge combined with commitment represents a unique opportunity for developing young people within the Church.

It is vital that young people continue to be recruited into ringing. These guidelines provide a practical framework for recruiting, teaching and ringing with young people, but without excessive bureaucracy. The guidelines are fully in keeping with the principles of the House of Bishops' Policy for Child Protection (*Protecting all God's Children 2004, revised 2010*), but are less bureaucratic than the procedures that accompany the policy. As such, we commend these guidelines to you as a sensible procedure for keeping young ringers safe while maintaining the friendly and open environment that characterises bell ringing.

We have supplied two copies of the guidelines to your Church: one for the Tower Captain and one for the PCC. We hope you will agree these guidelines with your Tower Captain and that his/her copy will be displayed in the Ringing Chamber.

An example of the *Permission to Ring* form is printed on the reverse of this sheet for your information. Further copies of these guidelines and the *Permission to Ring* form may be downloaded from www.cccbr.org.uk or obtained by writing to the Secretary of the Central Council: Mrs Mary Bone, 11 Bullfields, Sawbridgeworth, CM21 9DB.

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Central Council of Church Bell Ringers

Permission to Ring

Church: _____

Group: _____

Full name of child or young person: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

Name of parent or carer: _____

Telephone number: _____

Mobile: _____

Email address: _____

Are there any medical (e.g. diabetes, epilepsy) or dietary concerns that we should know about your child? (This will not preclude your child from ringing, but notification now will help in the event of a medical problem.) Please give any relevant details below or state "none":

- I give my permission for the above-named child / young person to take part in the normal activities of this group.
- I understand what is involved and I am aware of the hazards present.
- I understand that a separate permission will be sought for certain activities and outings lasting longer than the normal meeting times of the group.

Signature of parent or carer: _____

Name of additional contact: _____

Telephone (for additional contact): _____