

Safeguarding Policy/Code of Behaviour Agreement Form

Form 7



This form is to be completed by all persons acting under the auspices of the Diocese of Killaloe who are in contact with children or vulnerable adults through their work with the Diocese.

Print Name		Parish	
Address			

**I confirm that I am familiar with the contents of the Diocese of Killaloe
Safeguarding Children Policy National Board 2016
and
Code of Behaviour for Staff and Volunteers**

**I agree to abide by the policy, procedures and code in all aspects of my work with the
Diocese of Killaloe.**

*The information in this form will be used by the diocese/parish in connection with your role as a volunteer of the Diocese or a parish within the Diocese. It will be retained indefinitely for safeguarding reasons. For further information, please see the Diocesan or parish privacy policy.

Signed		Date	
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Form Received By		Date	

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Action to be taken, by whom?	
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Code of Behaviour for Adults

Adults should at all times:

- Treat all children with respect.
- Provide them with good role models.
- Operate within the state and church principles and guidelines.
- Be visible to others when working with children.
- Challenge and report abusive behaviour.
- Develop a culture where children can express their views and be listened to.
- Respect each child's boundaries and help him/her develop an appreciation of his/her rights and responsibilities.
- Diocesan workers and volunteers work in partnership with parents/guardians and share information with them.
- Ensure that the guidelines for the proper use of mobile phones and social media are adhered to.

It is never acceptable to:

- Abuse a child in any way, physically or verbally.
- Physically chastise a child.
- Develop a relationship with any child that is exclusive of others.
- Place a child at risk.
- Speak to a child or behave in a manner that is offensive, developmentally inappropriate or sexually provocative.
- Do things of a personal nature for a child that he/she can do for themselves.
- Condone or fail to challenge unacceptable behaviour.
- Discriminate against a child or group of children.
- Ask a child to keep a secret.

The following good practice guidelines should be followed at all times:

- Avoid spending time alone with a child or young person.
- Do not undertake car or bus journeys alone with a child or young person.
- Unless there are at least two adults present, avoid permitting children or young people to work or remain in churches or on parish property.

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- Be cognisant of the imbalance of power inherent in the adult-child relationship.
- Ensure facilities and equipment are fit for use.
- Ensure staff/volunteers have adequate training.
- Ensure staff/volunteers have undergone Garda vetting.

**For further information see the Diocesan website resource at www.killaloediocese.ie
Safeguarding Children Policy National Board 2016. Code of Behaviour for Staff and Volunteers.**