

# sunnysidechurch

## **Policy for using video conferencing for Sunnyside groups with children and young people**

During these unusual times of 'worshipping together whilst apart' at Sunnyside, we want to find ways we can continue to meet with our children, young people and families to encourage and support them in their faith, friendships and life at this time.

Zoom is the platform we have chosen to use for this purpose for all children's and young people's groups, though other platforms may be used in future. Use of this is beyond the normal running of our groups and therefore the following additional permissions have been put in place:

**1. PCC Approval:** this was approved by PCC on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June.

### **2. Parental Consent**

An email has been sent to parents explaining what we are doing for each group and what their involvement and availability needs to be.

- 'sunday's cool' Under 7's Group: Children need to be accompanied by a parent /carer throughout the session
- 'sunday's cool' Over 7's Group: Parent/Carer needs to be seen by the leader at the beginning of the session. They can then go into the background but need to be aware of what is going on in the call.
- Youth Group: 2 DBS checked leaders will be running this group. Parental consent needs to be obtained before any young person can join but they can be unaccompanied during the call with parental agreement.
- Messy Church: Children need to be accompanied by a parent/carer throughout this session

### **3. Email Contact**

All meeting invites will be sent to parents/carers email addresses only.

### **4. Code of Conduct for Leaders**

All 'normal' children's group rules will apply during this time.

This will include Sunnyside recruitment and safeguarding process. Please contact Jenny Hyatt (Safeguarding Officer) for more information.

### **5. Photographs and Recording**

**NO** photographs, screen shots or audio recording will take place whilst using video conferencing for Sunnyside Children's and Youth Groups during this time.

For further information or any questions contact Jenny Hyatt (Safeguarding Officer) for more information.

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