

Transport Policy

Faithfulness in Service states

5.7 "Children are entitled to be safe and protected. They have the right to be respected, listened to and their particular needs addressed in all church activities, whether mixed aged or child specific.

5.4 "When they are exercising a pastoral ministry involving children in a church body, clergy and church workers (e.g. Sunday school teachers, youth group leaders) have responsibility for the safety and welfare of the children in their care."

Policy

Our desire is to honour God by being above reproach in all things, erring on the conservative, and taking due responsibility for our care of young lives.

1. Transport between homes and the church site before/after youth group or Sunday school activity.

It is the responsibility of parents/guardians to either provide lifts or arrange alternative transport for their children to and from regular children's/youth events.

2. Transport while on children's/youth group events.

Written permission from parents/guardians is to be obtained before children/young people travel in a vehicle driven by a person other than their parent/guardian.

Only drivers on green P's or higher are to transport children/youth from the church site to the event or to the church site from any event.

All drivers must be responsible and not impaired by alcohol or any other mind altering or addictive substance.

All motor vehicles used must be registered, insured, safe and fitted with appropriate child restraints or safety devices.

3. Child protection.

To the extent practicable a children's/youth leader is not to be alone in a car with a member of the children's/youth group even with parental permission, except where the child/youth is a family member. If such a situation is unavoidable, another adult must be informed of the trip and the reason for it.