

USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA

The Parochial Church Council of Skirbeck St Nicholas Church conclusively adopts the Policy on the Use of Social Media, with regard to children and vulnerable adults, in its entirety as set out in Section 12 of the Parish Safeguarding Handbook.

There will be a named person, who must be a church officer, to whom all workers are accountable. This named person will monitor all communications and be responsible for reporting any concerns, following all guidance as set out in Section 12 above.

Written consent must be obtained from parents/carers for :

- the use and storage of photographs of children/young people from activities or events in official church publications, or on the church's social media, website and displays.
- the use of telephone, text message, email and other messaging services with young people.
- the allowance of young people to connect to the church's social media pages.

Where only verbal consent is obtained, this must be in the presence of two witnesses and noted accordingly to form a paper trail which must be held by the named person.

The use of mobile phones is also approved for parochial use in the parish as set out in Section 12 above. Any visitors using mobile phones at any church events must be made aware to act responsibly in accordance with the guidelines.

A full copy of the Parish Safeguarding Handbook, Use of Social Media, is attached to this Policy.

Your named officer is James Woods

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