



Diocese of Westminster

SAFEGUARDING SERVICE

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| Role: | Helper – children and young people |
| Purpose: | To provide general assistance to those working with children and young people in the Parish. |
| Age range: | Up to 18 years |
| Responsible to: | Parish Priest |

Main Responsibilities

- (a) To provide support to the designated worker in the area, for example communion/ confirmation Catechists, Playgroup leaders and Youth Workers.
- (b) To support the development of the faith of young people in their care.
- (c) To provide a safe and supportive environment in which young people can freely share their experiences, opinions and questions.
- (d) To maintain appropriate boundaries.
- (e) To help ensure that all sessions are conducted in accordance with Diocesan Safeguarding Procedures.

Person Specification

- (a) Commitment to the teachings of the Catholic Church and the development of the parish community.
- (b) Ability to relate with respect and ease to young people and to communicate clearly.
- (c) Willingness to share your own faith experience with others, to be open to challenge and to grow in your own faith.
- (d) Willingness to give your time to support of sessions involving young people and children.
- (e) All volunteers should be over 18 years of age.

Protection of Children and Adults at Risk:

- (a) To familiarise themselves with National Safeguarding Policies.
- (b) To refer any concerns about a child to the Safeguarding Representative in the Parish.
- (c) To be willing to participate in basic child protection training.