

Norwich Zen Buddhist Priory

Child Protection Code of Conduct

To be completed by anyone involved with children aged under 18 taking part in activities organised by or in association with Norwich Zen Buddhist Priory, 23 Hellesdon Road, Norwich NR6 5EB, Charity No: 1190154.

I will do my best to

- treat all children and young people with respect and kindness.
- be an example of the good conduct I wish to see in young people and others.
- respect a young person's right to personal privacy.
- encourage young people and adults to feel comfortable and caring enough to point out attitudes or behaviour they do not like.
- remember that someone else might misinterpret my actions, no matter how well-intentioned.
- be aware that physical contact with a child or young person may be misinterpreted.
- act in accordance with Norwich Zen Buddhist Priory's Safeguarding Children Policy.
- give guidance and support to less experienced congregation members and volunteers.
- challenge unacceptable behaviour and report all allegations/suspensions of abuse to Norwich Zen Buddhist Priory's Safeguarding Officer, **Chris Loukes**.
- **ensure that, whenever possible, there is more than one adult present during activities with children or at least that we are within sight or hearing of others** - this is for my own protection as well as for the protection of children and young people in our care.

I will not

- allow someone who is likely to pose a risk to children to have contact with children (e.g. a known sex offender or someone who has disclosed sexual interest in children).
- have inappropriate physical or verbal contact with children or young people.
- allow myself to be drawn into inappropriate, attention-seeking behaviour.
- make suggestive or derogatory remarks or gestures in front of children or young people.
- jump to conclusions without checking facts.
- exaggerate or trivialise matters related to child abuse.
- show favouritism to any child.
- rely on my good name or that of Norwich Zen Buddhist Priory to protect me.
- believe "things like this could never happen here."

I have read the guidance above, and the accompanying Safeguarding Children Policy, and agree to abide by them.

Name _____

Signature _____

Date _____

*This document is to be read in conjunction with
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