



# CODE OF CONDUCT FOR ONLINE COMMUNICATION

ST JOHN'S AND ST LUKE'S YOUNG PEOPLE

- **I will be responsible**

I am responsible for any messages I send and will only send messages which are polite, sensible and free from unsuitable language. Similarly, I will not send any attachments that are hurtful, abusive or offensive and I understand that this also applies to video conferencing chatrooms.

- **I will be respectful**

I will think carefully about using strong language, capital letters, exclamation marks and jokes which could easily be misinterpreted online. Also, I won't send anonymous messages to anyone.

- **I will be safe**

1. I will keep all my passwords and usernames safe and not share them with anyone.
2. I will set my privacy settings at the right level and I understand that even with them in place, nothing is truly private online.
3. I will respect everyone else's privacy and I won't share photos, contact details or passcodes without the owner's permission.
4. I will never give out my home address, phone number or any other personal information to someone I have met over the internet.
5. I will never arrange to meet anyone who contacts me online.

- **I will be respectful of the privacy of leaders**

I will not contact leaders on their personal profiles on social media.

- **I will be present**

When participating in an activity, I will be polite and put my phone away.

- **I will respect timing**

I will only message leaders between the hours of 7.30am & 9.30pm, apart from exceptional circumstances.

- **I will be alert**

If I receive anything, see anything or come across anything that is unsuitable or makes me feel uncomfortable, I will immediately tell a responsible person, such as Emma James or the church safeguarding officer.

- **I will be accountable**

1. I understand that St John's and St Luke's have the right to monitor my internet use during church activities if it believes any misuse is taking place.
2. I also understand that if I deliberately break these rules, my parents or guardians will be informed.

### Young People:

- I have read and understood this code of conduct and agree to abide by its rules.

Name.....Signed.....Date:.....

### Parents/Guardians:

I have read through this Code of Conduct with my child and agree to support them in following it.

Name.....Signed.....Date:.....