

Boundaries & Confidentiality Agreement for Junior Young Friends (JYF)

All who attend **JYF** need to agree to abide by the stated boundaries and accept responsibility for the consequences of any breaking of these boundaries. Please read and sign below to indicate your agreement.

Confidentiality

We aim to create a safe and trusting community, where we can share feelings and thoughts, which are important to us. The Children Act, which legislates for the protection of young people, applies at **Central England Area Meeting** events. It requires that if a member of the team is aware that an individual is at risk of serious harm, as a member of the team they are required to inform those responsible for the pastoral care of participants. These individuals may need to take action in response to concerns that have been raised. If a member of the team is concerned about your safety and needs to share what you have told them they should explain this to you, unless doing so would put you at risk. If they are sharing information they should tell you how they will be recording this concern, who they will inform and what will happen next.

Participants should be aware that there is a pastoral support structure from which members of the team may seek support over general participant concerns, needs or issues.

Boundaries

At **JYF** we aim to create a fun, safe and inclusive community. It is therefore important for everyone to consider what impact our behaviour might have on others. Respecting the boundaries will ensure that all individuals within our community have a safe and happy time.

Community: Respect for others is part of being a community so we ask that participants: use inclusive language and behaviour, respect the space of others (i.e. avoiding games that involve strong physical contact or contact that could be misunderstood) and recognise that sexual activity is inappropriate at this event.

Venue: Please clear up after yourself and help out with tidying group areas. Respect your surroundings.

Alcohol & illegal drugs: Possession of alcohol and illegal substances is not permitted in any container, including yourself, at any time during the event.

Smoking: We do not encourage smoking at **JYF** events and we will support those who wish to give up. There will be a designated smoking area; this is not a social space. Please only smoke in this area and keep it tidy. Please do not offer cigarettes to others and only smoke in your free time.

Programme: We ask you not to go off site at any time **without informing the Responsible Adults at the event**. You should attend all timetabled activities and be prompt for them. If you bring your phone, please keep it off during timetabled activities and keep your use of it to a minimum during the event. We also ask that other exclusive devices such as mp3 players be switched off.

Accommodation: **All participants will sleep in the large room allocated. Where possible an “early beds” room will be provided for those who wish to go to sleep early. Participants are not to sleep in in other rooms. Responsible Adults will sleep in another separate room. Please give consideration to “early bedders” and RAs.**

It's important that each of us is able to follow the above boundaries. **If we all adhere to these boundaries we can all enjoy JYM.**

You should indicate your agreement to these boundaries by signing below and upholding this agreement in how you conduct yourself during the week.

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