



# Central Council of Church Bell Ringers

"Registered Charity number 270036"

## Tower Stewardship Committee

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Dear Tower Captain,

### **Child Protection Guidelines**

I am pleased to supply this copy of the Central Council's Child Protection Guidelines for your tower. The Central Council has published guidelines for several years, reflecting recent legislative changes and also to provide detailed guidance. I would encourage you to make all members of your tower aware of these guidelines and to display them on your tower notice board. If pinned as indicated, it is possible to read the introduction and background without the need to remove the document from the notice board.

It is vital that young people continue to be recruited into ringing. These guidelines provide a practical framework for recruiting, teaching and ringing with young people, but without excessive bureaucracy. The guidelines are fully in keeping with the principles of the House of Bishops' Policy for Child Protection (*Protecting all God's Children 2004, revised 2010*), but are less bureaucratic than the procedures that accompany the policy. As such, we commend these guidelines to you and to your PCC as a sensible procedure for keeping young ringers safe while maintaining the friendly and open environment that characterises bell ringing.

An additional copy of the guidelines and an accompanying letter are provided for your PCC, with whom you should agree their implementation.

An example of the *Permission to Ring* form is printed on the reverse of this sheet for your information. Further copies of these guidelines and the *Permission to Ring* form may be downloaded from [www.cccbr.org.uk](http://www.cccbr.org.uk) or obtained by writing to the Secretary of the Central Council: Mrs Mary Bone, 11 Bullfields, Sawbridgeworth, CM21 9DB.

Dr Christopher O'Mahony  
Chairman  
Tower Stewardship Committee  
Central Council of Church Bell Ringers

# Permission to Ring

**Church:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Group:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Full name of child or young person:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of Birth:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Name of parent or carer:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mobile:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Are there any medical (e.g. diabetes, epilepsy) or dietary concerns that we should know about your child?** (This will not preclude your child from ringing, but notification now will help in the event of a medical problem.) Please give any relevant details below or state "none":

- I give my permission for the above-named child / young person to take part in the normal activities of this group.
- I understand what is involved and I am aware of the hazards present.
- I understand that a separate permission will be sought for certain activities and outings lasting longer than the normal meeting times of the group.

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**Signature of parent or carer:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of additional contact:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone (for additional contact):** \_\_\_\_\_