



Sunday Children's Groups

August Covid-19 Guidance

General instructions

- No-one should come to church if they are showing any symptoms or someone from their household is or they have been in contact with someone in the last 14 days who has been confirmed as having Covid-19
- Please help us in managing our space safely by contacting us via email at office@stjohnswimborne.org.uk to inform us if you are attending with children on a Sunday
- Everyone should follow the instructions at church and give appropriate space to others seeking to adhere to the 2m distancing guidelines
- If a child shows symptoms of Covid-19 while in their group then a leader will go with child to an area where they can guarantee 2m distance from all where possible. Parents will be contacted immediately to come collect child to return home.
- Government guidance means face masks are mandatory when attending a place of worship, this does not apply to children under 11 years old

Parents with babies

- Can stay in the service, or at any point head out to the small lounge (following one-way system, maintaining social distancing from other parents).
- The small lounge will have a video link showing the service live
- The chairs will be set out to enable social distancing
- Please bring your own toys and avoid sharing with others

Pre-school age children (2-4 years)

- After the All age talk/song, parents take children out to the foyer, (following one-way system, maintaining social distancing from other parents).
- Leaders will welcome children at the conservatory door one family at a time. Parents should then proceed back round the one-way system to their seats.
If parents think that their child might not be willing to go into the conservatory without them, they should liaise with the leaders beforehand, perhaps communicating a favourite toy or activity to encourage the child in with. During drop-off, if a child refuses to enter, then the parent can go into the small lounge with them and watch the video feed (if there is space), or take the child outside the main entrance until other children have gone in, and then come back in and try again. If there are no other parents around, it may be possible for you to come into the conservatory temporarily (maintaining social distancing) and settle your child
- Leaders will run an age-appropriate program of Bible stories, videos, crafts and games
- Children will not be expected to maintain social distancing from each other or the leaders (Leaders will maintain social distancing from each other). Leaders will not wear PPE unless administering first aid.

- During the last song, parents will be asked to go out to the foyer (following one-way system, maintaining social distancing from other parents)
- They will meet their children at the conservatory door one family at a time, and then should leave through the main doors. In line with Church of England guidance

First School age children (4-9 years)

- After the All age talk/song, parents take children out past the toilets towards the first school playground (following one-way system, maintaining social distancing from other parents).
- The leaders will welcome the children at the fire-escape door, and either head into the hall (poor weather), or up to the field (good weather). Parents should then head out of the car park gate, and round to the main entrance to return to their seats.
- Leaders will run an age-appropriate program of Bible teaching with stories, videos, crafts and games. These will be run in a way that encourages children to maintain social distancing with each other and the leaders.
- Unless strictly necessary leaders and children will maintain social distancing. Leaders will not wear PPE unless administering first aid.
- During the last song, parents will be asked to go out past the toilets towards the first school playground (following one-way system, maintaining social distancing from other parents)
- They will meet their children at the fire-escape door one family at a time, and then leave through the carpark gate.