

Circuit Policy Additional paragraphs

E Safety

The Denby Dale & Clayton West Circuit safeguarding policy recognises that for many children and young people using the internet is a regular part of their lives and has a significant impact on their social development. In accordance with the Methodist Church Safeguarding Policy we will take all possible steps to protect young people from significant harm or risk when using the internet or any other form of technology.

These steps will include: permitting photography/video on church premises only with the permission of a parent or guardian of children involved; allowing photography/video for church purposes only by persons authorised by the safeguarding officer and minister and to be securely stored as agreed by the safeguarding officer and minister; not permitting identifiable photography/video of young people taken at church events to be uploaded on social media; using electronic means of communication between adults and children in the church context only with the consent of a parent / guardian. Connexional guidelines on E safety to support the requisite annual review by each circuit church are available on the safeguarding website.

The Denby Dale & Clayton West Circuit recognises the importance of each circuit church establishing and regularly reviewing safeguarding policy and practice for the purpose of protecting those who work with children, young people and vulnerable adults.