



Malahide Parish

DOCUMENT: Child Protection Service

TITLE: Children with Special Needs or with a Disability **DATE: 01.06.2023**

ISSUED BY: Co-Parish Priest **APPROVED BY: Parish Council**

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1. **PURPOSE**

To ensure that are dealt with in accordance with the requirements of the Parish Pastoral Council

2. **Scope**

This procedure applies to all groups operating in a church setting - including visiting groups and or people renting accommodation owned or leased by the Parish.

3. **RESPONSIBILITY**

Implementation: Co-Parish Priest

Authority to Change: Parish Pastoral Council

4. **PROCEDURE**

4.1 Child with special needs or disability may depend on adults more than other children for their care and safety, and so sensitivity and clear communication are particularly important.

4.2 Where it is necessary to carry out tasks of a personal nature for a child with special needs, this should be done with the full understanding and consent of parents or guardians.

4.3 In carrying out such personal care tasks, sensitivity must be shown to the child and the tasks should be undertaken with the utmost discretion. It is expected that such tasks would be carried out on a one to one basis in order to maintain a level of dignity and respect toward children with special needs.

4.4 Any care task of a personal nature which a child or young person can do for themselves should not be undertaken by a worker / volunteer.

4.5 In an emergency situation where this type of help is required, parents should be fully informed as soon as is reasonably possible.



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- 4.6 Those persons dealing with Children with Special Needs or with a disability, should be sensitive to the possibility of becoming overly involved or spending a disproportionate amount of time with any particular child.

5. REVISION

Rev	Date	Comment
0	01/05/07	New
1	12/12/08	Procedural review
2	07.12.09	Procedural Review
3	28.02.10	Procedural Review
4	28.08.11	Procedural Review
5	07.10.13	Procedural Review
6	01.01.15	Procedural Review
7	01.01.17	Procedural Review
8	01.01.19	Procedural Review
9	24.02.21	Procedural Review
10	01.05.22	Procedural Review
11	01.06.23	Procedural Review