



**The Parish of St. Sylvester, Malahide,
And The Parish of the Sacred Heart, Seabury, Malahide.**

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Child Protection Code of Conduct

Within the Parish of St. Sylvester's Malahide:

- *Children and young people will be treated with courtesy, respect and dignity;*
- *Children and young people (under eighteen years of age) will not be permitted to consume alcohol or smoke while participating in activities organised by or under the control of the Parish;*
- *There will be an adequate ratio of leaders to children and young people at all times;*
- *Care will be taken to ensure that when working with mixed gender groups, staff and adult volunteers of appropriate gender will work in pairs;*
- *Leaders (over the age of eighteen) will not consume alcohol or smoke while having responsibility for children or young people;*
- *Leaders (over the age of eighteen) will not consume alcohol or smoke while in the presence of children or young people;*
- *Inappropriate language or sexually suggestive comments will not be permitted by children or young people;*
- *Physical contact between children or young people and leaders will be appropriate at all times. Leaders will not engage in rough play or undertake any task of a personal nature with / for children or young people, except in cases of medical necessity when the welfare of the child or young person depends on it;*
- *Leaders will always engage with children or young people in an open manner and care will be taken not to show favouritism;*
- *There will be clearly designated leaders within each group with whom children and young people can speak about their experiences and raise any concerns should they arise;*

*G. Tanham PP Charles Farrell
Parish Priest Chairperson – Parish Pastoral Council*