

# Fuel Team Member Role Agreement



At St Mary's we place a high priority on connecting with young people and supporting them and their growth in faith. Our vision is that every child and young person would "follow Jesus and make Him known" – meaning they would develop a faith in Jesus which will last them a lifetime.

Part of how we connect with and support young people is by running Fuel, our youth group for 10-14's (School Years 6-9). Fuel takes place on Friday evenings during term time and runs from 7pm-8.30pm in our church hall. A typical session at Fuel would include time for tabletop games, table tennis, pool, football, dodgeball, among other great and competitive group games! We then take a break for snacks and Bible teaching on topics requested by the young people. We end our sessions by praying with the young people for their week ahead and for anything they want to talk to God about. From time to time throughout the academic year we organize trips and social activities.

Serving the young people at Fuel is a huge joy and always such a privilege. Our hope is that there will be a mix of people in our congregation who feel called to join us at Fuel and work with our young people. Please take some time to ask God about if joining our team at Fuel is what he is calling you to as a way of serving our church. Every session is incredibly rewarding and the investment in the young people is an eternal one!

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St Mary's, Stoke Bishop takes the safety of everyone within the church very seriously and expects that everyone will work within the church safeguarding policy. ***In particular, the Church expects anyone who becomes aware of a safeguarding risk or of actual abuse, to immediately report it.***

## Principles

All those who may work with children and/or adults who are vulnerable and/or experiencing, or at risk of abuse or neglect must have a commitment to:

- Treat individuals with respect.
- Recognise and respect their abilities and potential for development.
- Promote their rights to make their own decisions and choices unless it is unsafe.
- Ensure their welfare and safety.
- The promotion of social justice, social responsibility, and respect for others; and
- Confidentiality, never passing on personal information, except to the person to whom you are responsible, unless there are safeguarding issues of concern (e.g. allegations of abuse). *Safeguarding issues of concern must always be reported, in an emergency to the Police or Social Care services, if not an emergency to the Parish Safeguarding Officer*

**Responsible to:** Hayley Brydges (and through them to the Vicar and PCC)

**Role:** Fuel Team Member

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Phone No:** \_\_\_\_\_

(by giving your email and phone number you are consenting to being contacted about rotas, training updates and youth and children's leaders events.)

## Person specification

- Passion to serve young people
- Able to demonstrate an ability to work safely and effectively with children and young people.
- An active Christian faith with a willingness to develop a deepening of faith in Jesus.
- Be 'Safely Recruited', DBS-checked and agree to full compliance with our Safeguarding Policy

## As a Fuel team member you can expect that we will do our best to ensure that:

We provide a supportive, inclusive and positive environment that ensures you enjoy your volunteering and that you are treated with respect, courtesy and support. You will also be provided with the opportunity for relevant training required for this role. We will also ensure you are keeping up to date with appropriate Safeguarding training as directed by the Parish Safeguarding Officer (Caroline Owen). This role agreement will be reviewed annually.

## Key responsibilities and accountabilities:

- To work with children and young people in a way that meets and develops their personal, spiritual, and social needs, exercising active pastoral concern.
- To work in accordance with the church's policy on safeguarding.
- To represent the needs and views of vulnerable people to the PCC or, where appropriate, enable them to do this for themselves.
- Being available for Fuel sessions for at least 3 weeks in a half term.
- Arrive by 6:45pm at the latest to allow time to set up and pray with the team before the session begins.
- Join in enthusiastically at the group and to be a positive role model for our children and young people. This will encourage younger generations in their discipleship journey, pointing them to Jesus.
- Stay at the end to ensure the hall is cleared.
- Checking area is safe and secure/aware of health and safety matters
- Seek to know children and/or young people by name and make them feel secure
- To get to know and maintain links with parents/guardians if appropriate

## This role is subject to a satisfactory DBS check

This letter is binding in honor only; it is not intended to create a legally binding contract between us, and it may be cancelled at any time at the discretion of either party. Neither of us intend any employment relationship to be created either now or at any time in the future.

Signed:

Print name:

Date:

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