



Unaccompanied children

Children may begin attending church services or church activities without their parents' or carers' knowledge. The following procedure is recommended:

- Welcome the child(ren) and try to establish whether their parents are aware of where they are
- Try to discover when they are due home and encourage them to keep to that arrangement
- Depending on the age and competence of the child, ring the parents or ask the child to ring to gain the parents' consent to the child remaining
- Complete a registration form as far as possible
- Make sure an adult recruited for work with children takes care of the child – this is particularly important during public worship where unknown adults may attend and attempt to befriend the child
- Give the child written information about the church service or activity to take home, including contact details
- If the child comes regularly, endeavour to establish contact with the parents or carers
- Never take the child on outings or transport them without their parents' or carers' permission.