

Parish of St John the Baptist, Westbourne and Woodmancote Churches

Risk Assessment: Choir practice – Junior Choir

Leader: Stewart Taylor

Assessor: Amy Turner

What are the Hazards?	Who might be harmed and how?	What are you doing already?	What else do you need to manage the risk?	Who needs to do this?	When does it need to be done by?	Action Completed (with date)
Child abuse	Any member of Junior Choir	All adult members of the choir are subject to Enhanced CRB check	Avoid situations where choristers are alone in the choir vestry with adults.			
Accusations of favouritism	Any member of Junior Choir	It is an inevitable aspect of the Choristers' work that they will be selected for solos etc according to their ability and suitability.	Choirmaster remains sensitive to this risk, shares out solo work as equitably as possible and discusses openly with the choristers.	Choirmaster	Ongoing	
Slip & trip on paving slabs outside church, in particular the	Anyone by slipping on wet or icy paving slab and landing awkwardly.	When icy, gritting	Check to keep it dry	Person opening church	Ongoing	

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entrance to vestry door.						
Slip & trip outside church in the dark	Anyone by tripping on path.	Keeping pathways as clear as possible. External lighting at entrances	none			
Trip inside the church from steps and uneven floor	Anyone walking around the church may stumble on step/uneven floor	Warning everyone to be careful of the steps. Warning the children not to run around the church		Choirmaster Chaperone	Ongoing	
Child vulnerable to being verbally or physically abused by an adult in choir session	A child may be vulnerable if alone in vestry with another adult	Adults are actively discouraged from making any kind of remarks about the children's performance or behaviour.		A chaperone is in attendance at all times.	Ongoing	

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Bullying	Any child.	Choirmaster and chaperone or parents always in attendance and observing behaviour.	All senior choristers are expected to care for the younger ones.	Choirmaster.	Ongoing.	
Social media	Any child	Any contact via social media, email etc with any adult be treated as a safeguarding risk and the Safeguarding Officer will be informed.	Discourage children from contacting adults via electronic or any other written media.	Choirmaster and all adult choir members.	Ongoing	
Publication of photographs	Any child	Permission of parents is always sought before placing photographs of children on the website or any other publication. Individual photographs or names are never published.		Choirmaster	Ongoing	

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Choir trips	Any child	Separate risk assessments are prepared for this, considering the nature of the particular risks involved.				

NEXT REVIEW DUE July 2024

REVISION RECORD

REVISION	DATE	DETAILS	BY
1	02.12.19	New document	Amy Turner
2	15.07.23	Review and update	Stewart Taylor
2	26.07.23	Approved	PCC meeting 26.07.23