

It should be noted that on occasions when Sunday School attends church for the conclusion of the service, Sunday School teachers will only supervise children whose families are not in attendance. Once children arrive in church, parents present are asked to assume responsibility. Parents not in attendance, or those designated to collect a child, may do so at the conclusion of the church service, once the congregation has left the building.

### **Respectful Behaviour**

We very much desire that Sunday School will offer a fun and interactive learning environment. However, this can only be encouraged with respectful behaviour. What respectful behaviour includes will be agreed as a class at the start of the year and we very much hope that this will enable a very enjoyable year for all in our Sunday School.

### **Some dates for your diary!**

**Refresh Weekend : 8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> September**

**Diocesan Portrush (Surfing) Day : 7<sup>th</sup> October**

**Harvest Weekend : 13<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> October**

**Sunday School Christmas Party : 12<sup>th</sup> December (6.30pm)**

**Diocesan Youth Overnight (Kilbroney) : 20<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> January**

*For further details please see Pew News & Pinnacles*

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### **St Mark's, Armagh - Sunday School**

*Permission to allow a Primary School aged child to be collected by someone other than his or her parent / guardian*

Name of child :-

Designated person with permission to collect this child :-

Signed by (must have parental responsibility) :-

Date :-



St Mark's Church, Parish of Armagh  
Sunday School Information  
Year 2023 / 24

[www.stmarksarmagh.org](http://www.stmarksarmagh.org)

Dear Parent / Guardian,

First of all may I take this opportunity to welcome children, young people and parents to St Mark's Sunday School for new term and year. A particular welcome is extended to children and young people who may be with us for the first time.

I would be very grateful if you might read and take note of the information found in this leaflet. It should also be retained for future reference.

If you require any further information or clarification please do not hesitate to contact either myself, or the Sunday School Superintendent, Ms Christine Somerville.

Yours faithfully,  
*Malcolm Kingston*  
(Rector)

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Christine Somerville : 028 37523001

## **Sunday School Times**

Sunday School meets each Sunday during School Terms (except during Family Sunday). All children of Primary School and the early years of Secondary School are most welcome to attend Sunday School and enjoy learning about God and their relationship with Him.

When Sunday School actually takes place may seem a little complex, but it works well in practice! Don't worry, if you come along and are not exactly sure when it is happening as there will be signs and friendly folk to offer directions. The Church Website will also always offer up to date information.

During Holy Communion Services, Sunday School meets in the Crozier Hall at the same time as the service in church (10.30am). Children and young people, as well as Sunday School Leaders then join the congregation in church during the latter part of the service.

During Services of Morning Prayer, children and young people join us for the beginning of worship in church and then depart to attend Sunday School following the Children's Address.

Creche will be available in the Beresford Room of the Crozier Hall from 10.30am every Sunday (except Family Services). Children attending Creche will be brought to church for the latter part of the Holy Communion Service, at the same time as children at Sunday School. Otherwise, children can be collected from the Beresford Room after the service.

Please note that children will not be supervised and the Hall will be locked prior to the commencement of Sunday School. Children should only be dropped off to Sunday School when leaders are present.

## **Registration**

Under the terms Safeguarding Trust (Church of Ireland's Child Protection Policy), it is an essential requirement for parents / guardians to complete and return the organisation's Registration Form. If you have not already done so, please obtain and return the complete form as soon as possible. Forms are obtainable from Sunday School Leaders, the Church Office and

Parish Website. Consent Forms are stored securely and the information within treated with strictest confidence.

## **Medical Conditions**

If your child has a medical condition which may result in an emergency (e.g. asthma), please ensure that these details are included in the Registration form and clear instructions offered for use in an emergency situation. If your child's medical needs change during the year, please inform the Sunday School Superintendent.

## **Mobile Telephones**

It is requested that children and young people do not have mobile telephones during Sunday School. If you would like for them to have a mobile telephone for use before or after Sunday School, they must be switched off during Sunday School and kept in a pocket or bag. Your child / ward's possessions are always their own responsibility.

## **Photographs**

During the year there may be occasions when photographs of Sunday School activities are taken eg. for Parish Website, Pinnacles Magazine or display in the Church Porch. If you would prefer that your child / ward's photograph is not taken, please indicate so on the Consent Form.

## **Collection of Children**

If a child is of Primary School age it is expected that he or she will be collected by a parent / guardian.

If, however, you would like for your child to be able to be collected by someone other than a parent / guardian, the permission slip at the end of this document ought to be completed and returned to the relevant Sunday School Teacher. Children of Secondary School age are permitted to leave the Crozier Hall unsupervised. If you would like a child of Secondary School age to collect his or her younger sibling, the name of the responsible child should be specified. Children of Primary School age will not be permitted to leave the Crozier Hall without a parent or designated person for collection.