
CHILDREN'S GATHERINGS POLICY

This policy is meant to comply with and serve the Anglican Diocese of the Rocky Mountains Policy for Safe Church and Protection of Children.

At all children's gathering where parents are not present in the room, the following procedures shall be implemented:

Check-in:

Children's ministry volunteers must take note of who parents and caregivers are of all children in their care.

Two Adults Rule:

Volunteers must always observe the two-adult rule, so that no adult is ever alone with a child. It is preferable that the two adults in the room are not related.

In the event of an emergency, or accompaniment to the restroom, the classroom door will remain open until the second adult arrives or a parent is enlisted to help.

Rooms without clear visibility should leave a door open whenever children are present.

Child/Adult Ratio:

We abide by the ratio of one adult per eight children. With two adults present, we can accommodate sixteen students. If more children are present, a third qualified, vetted adult must be present.

Restroom Policy:

Children who need to use the restroom will either be sent to visit the restroom while a volunteer waits outside in the hallway, or a volunteer will escort the child to the parent.

Children needing a diaper change will be taken to a parent.

Dismissal:

Parents and caregivers may pick up their children from an adult standing by the classroom door. Children's ministry volunteers must confirm they are releasing children to the appropriate parent or caregiver.

On Sunday mornings, volunteers will bring children back to the chapel and supervise return to parents and caregivers. For first time visitors, a volunteer should escort the children to their parent or caregiver.