

DRIVING POLICY

For the safety and protection of all the children and young people in our care, please read carefully the church's driving policy for transporting children and young people to and from events.

All who transport children and young people must;

- Be at least 21 years of age and have 2 years or more driving experience.
- Have fully comprehensive insurance that covers voluntary work. Paid workers must have insurance that covers transporting others in the course of their employment.
- Be appointed following procedures outlined under the church's safeguarding children policy even if they do not usually work with children and young people. (Have DBS clearance, sign and agree to apply the church's Safeguarding children and young people policy and procedures).

Code of Behaviour for transporting children and young people

1. Keep to the legally required speed limits.
2. Only seat the number of children in your car that there are seats and seat belts for. Seat belts and child seats/restraints should be used in accordance with the law.
3. Do not drive under the influence of alcohol, drugs or vocal encouragement.
4. Do not use mobile phones while driving (unless hands free).
5. Do not park illegally.
6. Mini bus drivers must have up to date certification.
7. Do not take unnecessary risks (overtaking on bends etc).
8. Written parental consent is needed for a child to be transported and the parent/guardian should be told at what time to expect their child to arrive home.
9. Where possible avoid giving regular lifts to and from church activities to the same child or young person.
10. Where possible have 2 adults in the car. If you are alone in the car with a child or young person, ask them to sit in the back of the car.
11. Avoid unnecessary time alone in a car with a child or young person, such as having a conversation outside of church or their home address.
12. Please ensure that when you drop of children or young people at their home you can see them go in safely.
13. Ensure that staff/child ratios are correct.
14. Use discretion on the music you play in your car, being mindful of lyrics and message.

BARROW BAPTIST CHURCH DRIVING POLICY

I understand that the church's driving policy is for the safety of children and young people in our care, and also myself.

I have read the church's driving policy and agree to practice this code of behaviour.

I understand that failure to do so will result in appropriate action being taken by those in authority at Barrow Baptist Church.

Name (please print)

Signed

Date

(Please return this signed slip to the administrator)