

St. Jude's Episcopal Church | 2.3 Child/Youth: Code of Conduct, 2018-19

I, _____, promise that I will follow these practices in my behavior and communication at St. Jude's Episcopal Church and related activities, including electronic communications, if applicable (such as e-mails, texts, instant messages, and posts on social networking sites):

Communication

1. I will respect and follow the instructions of children and youth leaders.
2. I will not harm others, including by actions that are harsh, coercive, threatening, intimidating, shaming, derogatory, demeaning or humiliating.
3. I will communicate (verbally and non-verbally) with others in a courteous and respectful manner, and will not act or make comments that other people could experience as offensive.
4. If I observe an incident of inappropriate use of electronic, other communications, or behaviors, I will report it to St. Jude's staff and/or ministry leaders.
5. If I am unable to honor any part of the expectations herein, I understand that my parent/guardian will be contacted and I will be asked to return to their care or go home for the day.

Electronic Communications, if applicable (_____ Parent/Guardian initial if this section is NA)

- 6.a If my parent/guardian consents, I will always copy my parent/guardian when sending electronic messages of an informational nature to St. Jude's staff or youth volunteers. This includes e-mails, texts, instant messages or other social media communication. If my parent/guardian does not consent, then I will not send electronic messages of an informational nature to St. Jude's staff or youth volunteers.
- 6.b If my parent/guardian consents, I will always copy my parent, guardian, and/or clergy in charge when sending electronic messages of a pastoral care nature to St. Jude's staff or youth volunteers. This includes e-mails, texts, instant messages or other social media communication. If my parent/guardian does not consent, then I will not send electronic messages of a pastoral care nature to St. Jude's staff or youth volunteers.
7. I will avoid cyberbullying and will not post inappropriate pictures or make comments on pictures/posts that are hurtful to others.
8. I will not use my cell phone during children or youth programs unless given specific, time-limited permission to do so by my parent(s) on my Registration Form or by youth leaders.

Date _____

(Signature of Child/Youth, or NA if a pre-reader who cannot sign for themselves)

Parents/Guardians, regardless of the age of your child/youth,

I have read the above-stated practices for safe, courteous electronic, other communications, and behavior at St. Jude's, and I will instruct and support my child/youth in implementing these practices.

Date _____

(Signature of Parent/Guardian)