

Quakers in Yorkshire

Safeguarding Policy

Guidance regarding transport arrangements for children and young people to and from Under 19's QiY events.

Introduction

Our key responsibility is the safety of the young people.

As a Quaker body we are committed in our desire to encourage all children and young people to access and be involved in Quaker activities. We appreciate the fact that Yorkshire is a large county and the distances involved can prove difficult for some parents and carers.

Ordinarily parents/carers/guardians will make private arrangements for the transport of their children and young people to QiY events, however this is not always practicable for a variety of reasons such as geographical isolation, challenging public transport and lack of ownership of a private vehicle.

For time to time, the wider Quaker Community can help children and young people attend QiY events, by the request of the event organiser, where transport issues might have otherwise precluded their attendance. For example, this can be through.

- The provision of a lift
- Chaperoning children or young people on public transport
- Volunteering to walk young people from stations to events

Required Actions

- Parent/carer written consent and contact MUST be obtained when helping a young person attend an event.
- There must be an emergency contact method between the transport volunteer, the parent/carer and the event organiser.
- The event organisers must be informed of the transport arrangement.
- At least one transport volunteer will have an enhanced DBS check (which can be organised expeditiously by the Youth Development Worker).
- 1 on 1 transport arrangement in a private vehicle is not permitted. Multiple adults or multiple children, or both are allowed.
- Remember cars need to have appropriate seats for young people. See: <https://www.gov.uk/child-car-seats-the-rules>
- Provisions for car sickness.
- Prior to transport, obtain agreement on the child's toileting needs with parents/carers.
- The transport volunteer must have completed a safeguarding induction, before transporting young people.

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