



13+ Youth Group

Code of Conduct

Be Free Young Carers is committed to a safe and caring environment for young carers. This code of conduct outlines the expectations for all those involved in our youth group and how to stay safe online.

Be Respectful

- Be respectful of one another's ideas and feelings. Treat people with dignity and courtesy at all times. This includes being respectful of the privacy of other young carers by not looking through personal pages on social media. Please be respectful of staff at all times.
- Be kind to other young carers when joining in discussions or making comments on the page. Bullying and/or racism will not be tolerated and will result in exclusion from the group.
- Be patient with others and refrain from any behavior or comments which are profane, insulting, harassing, sexist, racist, abusive, disrespectful or otherwise offensive. Swearing or inappropriate language will not be tolerated and will result in exclusion from the group.

Stay Safe

- **Never** reveal any personal information on the youth group page e.g. phone number or address. If you refer to another person in a comment, do not use their full name.
- Always inform your parents of any youth group hang outs you attend and bring a signed consent form with you.
- Travel safely and sensibly.
- Always report any disrespectful or offensive behavior to a staff member who will deal with appropriately. This could be comments on the online page, personal messages you receive or in person at a hang out.

Sharing Information

We want all of our young carers to feel safe and comfortable enough to be able to share any worries or troubles they may have so that we can work towards addressing them. However, please consider the following to make sure you stay safe:

- What you share with us is confidential, **however**, if you share information that we feel is putting yourself or someone else at risk, we will have to pass that information on to the appropriate person. If we are able to discuss this with you then we will do so at the first possible opportunity. However, if we are unable to contact you, we will make the decision about who we need to share the information with.
- **Never** share personal or private information on social media. Sensitive or personal information must only be shared with a support worker in order to respect your privacy.
- All messages that our support workers receive are kept on file as stated in our Social Media Policy.
- Whist on a youth group meet up please be conscious about what you share with others as things may be overheard.
- **Support Workers are only active on Facebook during work hours (Tuesday – Friday, 9am-5pm) and will only respond to messages during that time.**

My commitment

I have read the Code of Conduct and agree to abide by it.

I agree to follow the leadership of staff involved.

I accept that not following the Code of Conduct will affect everyone’s experience, including my own and that my behaviour may affect my future participation in the group.

Young Carer to Sign:

Print Name:

Date:

Parent/Guardian to sign:

Print Name:

Date: