

Policy Statements for Members & Parents of Cathedral Choirs

Behaviour Expectations and Sanctions

Behaviour Policies are structured for each specific group:

- Boy Choristers - see separate document on the Cathedral Website
- Girl Choristers - see separate document on the Cathedral Website
- Youth Choir - see separate document on the Cathedral Website

Cathedral Middle Choir and Junior Choir: When you become a voluntary member of one of the Gloucester Cathedral Middle or Junior Choirs you become a member of a unique team in which all members play an important part - regardless of age or experience.

We expect choir members to be polite, focussed and attentive and to listen and respond to instructions given to them by music staff.

In order to make the children's time in the choir happy and productive, we ask that they abide by the following rules:

- Respect and support each other. A Choir is, by its very nature, a team, and we must all adopt a team mentality in order to achieve success.
- Respect the members of staff in charge. During rehearsals remain quiet and co-operative at all times, listening to and following the musical and behavioural instructions given to them. During 'down time', co-operation is still expected. Whilst a level of fun and exuberance is normal, behaviour should be at a level that has no adverse impact on other children. This falls in line with the Cathedral Safeguarding Policy. Members of staff will become familiar to the children and will inevitably build a working rapport, but children must remember staff are responsible for you; insolence and a lack of respect will be taken very seriously and could jeopardise a child's place in the choir.
- The Cathedral is a place of worship - this should be remembered at all times. Talk quietly when moving around or through the Cathedral, and walk when inside the building. Respect the privacy of everyone in the Cathedral and remember that many people come to find a quiet space for personal thoughts and prayers.
- During rehearsals and Services within the Cathedral, as well as in external venues, a completely professional attitude should be maintained to uphold the reputation of Gloucester Cathedral Choirs. Always listen to instructions, and always conduct yourselves with decorum.