

# Policy Statements for Members & Parents of Cathedral Choirs

## The Care and Safety of Choir members

### Pastoral Care/Safeguarding

The Cathedral ensures that the pastoral care and safeguarding of all Choir members is always uppermost in the minds of the Cathedral staff and volunteers. If a parent or a Choir member has a concern about any issues please contact:

- Canon Richard Mitchell, Precentor,  
[Richard.Mitchell@gloucestercathedral.org.uk](mailto:Richard.Mitchell@gloucestercathedral.org.uk)  
Tel: 01452 332785. (If possible please avoid his day off on a Wednesday.)
- Canon Celia Thomson, Canon Chancellor Tel: 01452 415824  
[Celia.Thomson@gloucestercathedral.org.uk](mailto:Celia.Thomson@gloucestercathedral.org.uk)

### Diocesan Safeguarding Advisors

Becca Faal and Brett Riches are the appointed Safeguarding Advisors for the Diocese and the Cathedral. If you have concerns about any Safeguarding matters please contact them.

Becca Faal Brett Riches	Safeguarding Officers, Diocese of Gloucester	<a href="mailto:BFaal@glosdioc.org.uk">BFaal@glosdioc.org.uk</a> <a href="mailto:Briches@glosdioc.org.uk">Briches@glosdioc.org.uk</a>
General safeguarding advice and guidance; lead for Offender Management, and lead for all training		Office: 01452 410022 x 234 Mobile: 07944 680320

### In Loco Parentis

The parents of Choir members are responsible for their safe arrival at the Song School. Music Department responsibility for Choir members commences 10 minutes prior to the start of rehearsal/Service or event and ends upon the dismissal of Choir members at the end of the Service or event.

If parents do not wish or are unable to supervise their child prior to and after these times, and they wish to put the responsibility of travel direct to the child the Consent and Permission Agreements form must be signed accordingly.

If a Choir member is allowed by parents to travel alone to or from the Cathedral, the Music Department's responsibility begins with his/her arrival in the Song School and ends with his/her departure from it. Parents should state this in writing to the Director of Music on the Consent and Permission Agreements form. Whatever the arrangement, no Choir member should leave the Cathedral without first checking with a member of the music staff.

In accordance with the Chapter's Safeguarding Policy, all adult members of the Cathedral staff who are in any way concerned with the Cathedral Choirs have successfully undergone screening by the De-Barring Service (DBS).