

# Policy Statements for Members & Parents of Cathedral Choirs

## Music Department General Policy Statements

### **Dress**

Choir members are expected to attend all Cathedral rehearsals, Services and concerts either in school uniform or in sensible casual clothes as a mark of respect for the Cathedral's status as a sacred building. It is expected that black shoes and dark trousers/dark tights are worn for robed services.

### **Choir uniform and property**

Choir robes, surplices, cravats, music and folders cost the Cathedral a lot of money. Choir members are expected to treat all cathedral property with great care.

### **Mobile Phones and Recordings**

Use of mobile phones in rehearsals and Services is strictly forbidden. Private recording or videoing of the Cathedral Choirs is not permitted on any device without specific authorisation by the Cathedral Chapter.

### **Photographs and Video Footage**

As part of the Cathedral Safeguarding Policy permission for the taking of images, photographs and video footage of choir members is sought from parents. In all instances these images, photographs and video footage will only be used for the sole purpose of promoting the choir on the Cathedral website, on social media, in the Press, or for external and internal marketing purposes.

Private or commercial photography is not permitted during services or rehearsals without the express consent of the Dean and Chapter. Where possible, signs are put up discouraging tourists from taking photographs during rehearsals within the Cathedral.

### **Medical Forms**

Parents are asked to complete and regularly update the form giving information about their child's health and any on-going medical requirements. It is very important that the Cathedral is kept informed of any changes to this information, and especially of any medication which a child may have to self-administer (e.g. asthma inhalers) or which the parents wish the staff to administer at any time.

### **Car Parking**

There is no vehicle access or parking in the Cathedral Close except for residents.

### **Cathedral Carol Services**

We are unable to offer reserved seating in the Quire for Carol Services and similar events. The Cathedral has over 400 volunteer workers and there are numerous people who legitimately consider themselves to be a "special case".