

TRANSPORTING CHILDREN IN A CAR POLICY

Transporting Children in a Car policy dated: May 2026

Name: Parish of Chandler's Ford (hereafter, The Church)

Church Address:

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and

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Definitions of Terms - For the purposes of this Policy, all references to: 'child' or 'children', – whether singular or plural – are used interchangeably and are taken to refer to those under 18 years of age.

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THE PARISH OF
CHANDLER'S FORD

The safety of the child is paramount

- The driver will have a full driving licence, which will be available for you to see on request
- The driver will have completed an Enhanced DBS check
- The driver will be in good health and physically capable of driving
- The car will be fully safe, road worthy and reliable with a current MOT if applicable, insurance and road tax
- The driver must check that insurance cover for volunteering is included under their private motor policy. If the vehicle is provided by the driver's employer, or spouse/partners employer, the driver should check with the employer, that they are authorised to drive the vehicle for volunteer work
- The Highway Code for road users and pedestrians, as appropriate, must be followed at all times
- All car seats will be correctly fitted; age and stage appropriate for the children using them and the driver will ensure the children are correctly strapped in.
- Booster seats will be used for children who are under 1.35 metres in height
- The driver will ensure that the child safety locks are in use in the car
- Children will never be left unattended in a car
- Children, as far as possible, will always use the kerbside doors when getting in or out of the vehicle
- No adult will be permitted to transport a child who is not their own, alone without other children present.
- The driver will carry a mobile phone in case of an emergency
- The driver will avoid where possible taking children to a petrol station, by filling up before or after the journey
- The driver will carry identification and contact numbers for him/herself and the children in the car in case of an emergency
- There will always be a First Aid kit in the car