

5. There are opportunities for children to included in corporate worship

- Are there times in your monthly service pattern when all ages are together?
- Are any of these services all-age services?
- Are the children welcomed as individuals in their own right?
- Does the service leader introduce and explain things clearly?
- Is the length and structure of the service sympathetic to children and young people?
- Do children have the freedom to move around and be vocal?
- Are leaders, children and/or young people involved in any/all aspects of child friendly services?
- Are your service resources appropriate? eg: service sheets, hymn books, readings, prayers etc

YES	NO	unsure

6. Suitable materials for under 5's are available in church

- Do parents/carers with young children know about your toilet/baby changing facilities?
- Do you allocate a special 'area' for parents/carers to feel comfortable with babies and young children?
- Do they have access to good quality quiet toys, books and activities?
- Do you communicate these facilities to parents/carers?
- Are there key 'befrienders' to these parents/carers and their children while they are in church?

YES	NO	unsure

7. There are opportunities for the voices of 14+yrs to be heard

- Do you invite your 14+ to attend, observe and contribute at your Church Council meetings?
- Are 14+ involved in the leading of services?
- Are 14+ involved in worship planning and children's/youth group planning?
- Are 14+ used as young volunteers in other aspects of church life?
- Are they listened to / consulted on church matters?
- Are they invited to be involved in the day-to-day running of the church?

YES	NO	unsure

8. Feedback is obtained from children and young people

- Are there opportunities for leaders/parents/children to offer comments or recommendations when making plans for the future?
- Does the Church Council follow up/consider any comments/recommendations made by them?

YES	NO	unsure

9. Vision for the children's and youth work

- Is there a common vision for the children's and/or youth work in your church when making plans for the future?
- Is this vision reflected in your church vision statement?
- Is the children's/youth work on your church council agenda at least once a year?
- Does the Church Council allocate a budget to support the children's and/or youth work?

YES	NO	unsure



The Child Friendly Church Award Scheme

When the Church Council have completed the self-assessment, please send to the following address, and an adviser will arrange a visit:

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23 Great George Street
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St John's Ambulance

The Harry Crook Centre
Raleigh Road
Bedminster
Bristol BS3 1AP
Tel: 0117 953 3880
Website: www.sja.org.uk

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Bradbury House
Caxton Business Park
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