Cyber Safety and Photograph Policy

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Cyber Safety Policy

Deal Pentecostal Church holds personal details of the congregation to which they have given their consent on the Church's **Data Consent Form**.

The Church may hold other personal details under the **General Data Protection Regulation Legitimate Interests.** Please see our **Church Data Protection and Privacy Notice** for more information.

However, individual members of the Church may hold personal information about others that has been obtained independently from the Church.

In order to comply with Best Practice and also for everyone's safety, please adhere to the following guidelines when using IT equipment, including personal computers, tablets and smart phones:

- Password Protection should be switched on
- Devices should be able to be tracked, locked or wiped if lost or stolen.
- Devices should be up to date with latest patches and software
- Apps should be kept up to date
- Unknown Wi-Fi Hotspots should not be used

WhatsApp Policy

WhatsApp is a great way to keep in touch with everyone in one button—but it's worth remembering that everyone in the group reads it! So, when communicating through the Church WhatsApp group, please adhere to the following:

Keep your posts to issues for prayer and praise that will edify, exhort and encourage one another in our faith.

Don't use our WhatsApp group to relay links to Social Media that are likely to cause distress or offence.

Don't share group members' details or photos unless you have their permission.

A reminder of our Church's WhatsApp Policy:

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Photograph Policy

The nature of the Church's charity work involves photos and/or videos as part of communications, administration, informal marketing, funding purposes or historical archive. Some of these photos may include members of the church, or members of the public, and may be published publicly. This could include around church buildings, on the website, or through social media. It may be necessary for workers to take photographs or make videos that include children or vulnerable adults for funding purposes or as a historical archive.

The Church will respect people's wishes concerning their image being used in church publicity. It is therefore the Church's policy to obtain consent, wherever a photo is used in this manner, for every individual that is in the photo, where they are identifiable. If the data subject is capable of comprehending the implications of consenting to the data use, then their consent will be sought; otherwise, the consent of a parent or legal guardian will be obtained.

Consent

Consent may be gained in one or more of the following ways:

- By use of the following statement clearly displayed:
  Deal Pentecostal Church reserves the right to photograph and film activities & events held on this site for use in, but not restricted to, printed marketing and promotional materials, digital communication channels including websites and social media presentations and exhibitions. By entering this site, you give permission for your likeness to be recorded through video and still photography.
- Verbally, by either the individual taking a photo on behalf of the Church, or at a later date by a trustee or church worker.
- For anyone under the age of 16, express written consent would normally be received from their parents or guardians before any photo is published.

Removal of Photos/Consent

At any time, an individual may revoke their consent, by informing the Church Leadership by email, or by letter. This will then be actioned as soon as practicably possible, and any photos with that individual being removed from public forums.