

VAKS PROGRAMME

PARENTAL CONSENT FORM

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Applicant's Name: Date of Birth:

Address:

Parish Name: School/College name:

Parents/Guardians: Name 1 Name 2

Tel No. Tel No.

Doctor's Name: Doctor's Tel. No.:

MEDICAL / DIETARY INFORMATION

Please give details of any medical conditions or otherwise that we should be aware of. Include details of any illnesses, current medications, dietary requirements, emotional issues, concerns etc.

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Include details of allergies they may have:

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Medical Emergency: In the event of illness or accident, I give permission for medical treatment to be administered to my child where considered necessary by a suitably qualified medical practitioner and/or hospital. I understand that every effort will be made to contact me as soon as possible.

Please note: Leaders/Coordinators cannot administer any medication. However, should your child require medication or intimate care needs, please discuss this with the Leaders/Coordinators who will work with you to establish how your child can be best accommodated in accordance with relevant procedures.

PHOTOGRAPHY

From time to time we take pictures and/or conduct video recordings during activities. We would like your permission to use these pictures and videos on our website and social media sites and in promotion of future events in The HUB/Knock Shrine. We will never reference your child by name or provide any specific information regarding your child. We also will never sell these pictures and videos; we will use them exclusively for Knock Shrine purposes.

Please take a moment to let us know your preferences regarding our use of photos and videos of your child and tick one of the options below.

YES ☐ I grant you permission to use photos and video

NO ☐ Please do NOT take or use any photos/ video recordings of my child.

Please read the Participant's Code of Behaviour Policy and sign the consent form overleaf.



PARTICIPANTS CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

Knock Shrine seeks to proclaim the Kingdom of God and to make known the Good News of Christ more fully through worship, service and witness. In keeping with this aim, ministry with children and young people in Knock is informed by the three principals of truth, justice and love.

Knock recognises the dignity and rights of all children and young people and is committed to ensuring the safety and wellbeing in a way that promotes their human dignity, integrity and worth as children of God.

Knock recognises that all who work with children and young people have a special duty of care towards them. Leaders must create a safe environment for children and young people in order to secure their protection and enable full participation in the life of the church. Knock has committed itself to putting procedures in place to ensure the welfare and protection of children and young people together with the welfare of those who work with them. The welfare of the child is always paramount.

It is essential that all young people taking part in the volunteer programme adhere to the code of behaviour at all times.

1. The taking of un-prescribed medication, drugs or alcohol on the pilgrimage is absolutely forbidden. Smoking is also forbidden.
2. At all times only females are allowed in the female sleeping areas and only males are allowed in the male sleeping areas. Under no circumstances are participants to entertain a member of the opposite sex in their room/ sleeping quarters.
3. No -one has permission to be outside the sleeping area after curfew except in the company of the appointed leaders. After curfew everyone is obliged to be in their own bed in their own room.
4. Participants are not allowed to leave the Knock Shrine grounds at any time without a leader or permission to do so.
5. The group leaders are there to ensure the safety and protection of all participants on the programme. They must be respected and listened to at all times.
6. Participants are to keep to the timetable to facilitate the achievement of the objectives of the weekend. They will participate actively, fully and in cheerful spirits to the best of their ability in the entire programme of events. Each participant will try their best to make the volunteer programme a success for all.
7. To ensure that we can properly look after the young people who volunteer with us you are obliged to inform us if they suffer from any physical or emotional ailment which may affect them during their time here. (All information will be treated with the strictest of confidence)
8. Participants must take full responsibility for any valuables/money etc. they bring with them
9. Participants must always act responsibly, remembering we have a responsibility for the safety of the people in our care.
10. We will make every effort so that participants are sharing a room/ sleeping area with the person of their choice, however this may not always be possible. In this case we ask participants to accept the room they are assigned to.
11. Each person treats everyone with courtesy and respect.
12. Bullying will not be tolerated, and the leaders of the volunteer programme has a very strict anti-bullying policy.
13. Participants are not allowed to use or be on their phone or any devices throughout the day unless in an emergency
14. You may contact Knock Youth Ministry at any time throughout the weekends on 0876927850
15. Participants will be asked to provide an email and mobile phone number for communication. These details will only be used by the leaders for programme related activities. Texts and emails may be used to promote Knock Youth Ministry events. If you are unhappy with this please inform Knock Youth Ministry.

CONSENT

"I give consent for my child to participate in the VAKS programme and all associated preparatory and follow up events. I have read the Code of Behaviour and conditions for the programme. If my child infringes any of the above rules I accept full responsibility for the consequences that may follow. I accept that the Knock Leaders are responsible for my child only as long as he/she complies with the Code of Behaviour"

Signature of Parent/ Guardian

"I understand and accept the above conditions and wish to join the VAKS programme"

Signature of Participant

Please return your form to your school or post to Knock Youth Ministry, Our Lady's Shrine, Knock, Co Mayo.