

Section 5 Communicating the Church's Safeguarding Message

Q. 14. Do all Church staff/volunteers have to attend at parish information meetings?

A. Yes! This is good safeguarding practice. It is important that staff and volunteers, particularly those who are in contact with children in Church life and activity, should be equipped with the knowledge to recognise, respond to and report concerns regarding children. The parish information meeting equips them with that information. The following is the official guidance on this issue:

Who Should Attend Parish Information Meetings?

Mandatory:

- (i) Church personnel, staff and volunteers who have access to children as consequence of their roles.
- (ii) The parents of altar servers.

Strongly Recommended

- (iii) It is strongly recommended that Church personnel, staff and volunteers who do not have access to children should attend.

Open Invitation

Issued to all other parents and members of the general public.