



The Church of England in Suffolk
working 'with' and 'for' young people

RATIOS

when working with children and young people

Indoor Activities:

Age	Adults:Children
0-2	1:3
2-3	1:4
3-8	1:8
8+	2:20 (1 male and 1 female) plus 1 additional adult for every ten children

Outdoor Activities:

Age	Adults:Children
0-2	1:3
2-3	1:4
3-8	1:8
8-13	2:15 (1 male and 1 female) plus 1 additional adult for every eight children
13+	2:20 (1 male and 1 female) plus 1 additional adult for every ten children

At no time should one adult be alone with a child or group of children. There should always be at least two adults present. Therefore, when you have the minimum ratio of adults to children, consider in advance what you would do if one of those adults has to leave in an emergency.

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THESE ARE ONLY MINIMUM RECOMMENDED RATIOS. YOUR ACTIVITY MAY REQUIRE CLOSER SUPERVISION DEPENDING ON ITS NATURE.

Our responsibility is not to achieving a basic recommendation but to the children and young people with whom we work and their welfare (which is paramount at all times).

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