



INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIOUR BY CHILDREN TOWARDS ADULTS

Children or young people can sometimes make suggestive approaches to an adult. They may have a crush or may act inappropriately following previous abusive experiences. Such behaviour may be a “cry for help”. Young Adults may be more susceptible to this approach, so it is important that they know how they might respond to such advancements.

If an adult feels uncomfortable about a child or young person’s behaviour he or she must:

- Make it clear to the child or young person, with sensitivity, that their language or behaviour is inappropriate.
- Tell another adult – a clergy colleague, the parish priest or the Parish Child Protection Representative. Agree with the colleague what measures should be taken to prevent a recurrence.
- Record the incident in case accusations are made in the future. Sign and date the record and hand it to the Parish Child Protection Representative.

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