

Bishops' Conference of Scotland

GUIDELINES ADULT : CHILDREN RATIOS WHEN SUPERVISING CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

1. When planning and running events/groups on church premises to which children are invited, *In God's Image* states that an essential part of risk assessment is "the deploying of supervisor-to-participant ratios suitable to the specific activities, in line with national guidance" (1.2.4).
2. The TABLE below provides guidance on how many adults over the age of 18 are required to be present per age group. *Please note, however, that a minimum of two adults who have completed the Scottish Catholic Church's safe recruitment process must be present at all times.*

Age Range	Number of Adults	Number of Children
0-2	1	3
2-3	1	4
4-8	1	6
9-12	1	8
13-18	1	10

3. Children with additional support needs must be supervised as agreed with a parent/carer. Not all additional support needs are visible and it is therefore good practice to seek parental advice for each new child to any group or event.
4. These details should be shared with all groups using Church premises for activities involving children or vulnerable adults. They should also be displayed on noticeboards in these premises.