

# Internet Access Policy for New Road Methodist Church Centre

## 1. Introduction

New Road Methodist Church Centre ("the Church") recognises the importance of providing internet access to its members and visitors for educational, informational, and communication purposes. This Internet Access Policy is established to ensure the responsible and safe use of the internet within the Centre's premises.

## 2. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to:

- a) Ensure the security and integrity of the Church's network.
- b) Promote responsible and ethical use of the internet.
- c) Protect users from harmful and inappropriate content.
- d) Comply with all relevant laws and regulations.

## 3. User Responsibility

All users of the Church's internet service are expected to:

- a) Use the internet in a manner consistent with the Church's values and goals.
- b) Comply with all applicable laws and regulations, including copyright and intellectual property rights.
- c) Respect the privacy and rights of others.
- d) Exercise caution when sharing personal information online.
- e) Refrain from engaging in illegal or illicit content.
- f) Refrain from circumventing any security or protection provided.
- g) Not use the Church's internet for commercial activities without permission.
- h) Report any suspicious or inappropriate online activities to the Church's designated safeguarding team.

## 4. Monitoring and Filtering

The Church may employ content filtering and monitoring tools to ensure compliance with this policy. Such measures are in place to prevent access to inappropriate or harmful content and to protect the Church's network from security threats.

## 5. Privacy

While the Church takes steps to protect user privacy, users should be aware that internet activities may be monitored and logged for security and network management purposes. Personal information will not be disclosed to third parties without appropriate consent or unless required by law.

## 6. Access Restrictions

The Church reserves the right to restrict or block access to specific websites, services, or content that are deemed inappropriate, harmful, or disruptive to the Church's operations.

## 7. Enforcement

Violation of this policy may result in the suspension or termination of internet access privileges within the Church. In cases of severe misconduct or illegal activities, law enforcement authorities may be notified.

## 8. Revision of Policy

This Internet Access Policy may be revised, updated, or amended as necessary to adapt to changes in technology, legal requirements, or evolving internet usage. Users will be informed of any such changes.

## 9. Contact Information

For questions or concerns regarding this policy, please contact:

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By using the Church's internet service, users agree to abide by this Internet Access Policy. Failure to comply with this policy may result in the loss of internet access privileges.