

# Barnsley Youth Choir Code of Conduct

## What we expect from our Choir Members

It is important to us that every member of Barnsley Youth Choir is able to enjoy their time with us and can take part in a safe and happy environment. So that we can achieve this for everyone, please read the below information which outlines our expectations.

### Attendance

Please make sure that you attend in good time for rehearsals to start. Rehearsals take place at Horizon School every Thursday evening at the following times:

- Children`s Choir – 5.45pm to 7.30pm
- Intermediate Choir – 5.45pm to 8pm
- Senior Choir – 6.45pm to 9pm

Changes to times or other rehearsal times and dates, for example in preparation for concerts, will be available on the BYC website and sometimes sent out by letter. If you are unable to attend a rehearsal, please ensure that you notify us through your registrar. It is vital that you make yourself available for concerts and other events. If you are unable to attend, you must notify your registrar at the earliest opportunity so that we are aware.

### Dress

Please ensure that you attend rehearsals in BYC issued T-Shirts/hoodies. Whilst jeans and leggings are fine for rehearsals, please ensure that you come to rehearsals dressed appropriately. All members have appropriate concert wear which should be worn at such events. This includes the wearing of no jewellery, with the exception of the jewellery that has been issued by Barnsley Youth Choir, and hair to be off the face. All members should remember that there are children as young as 7 years of age in our choir and it is important that, as role models for the younger members, we set an example with our appearance.

### Behaviour

Whether rehearsing or taking part in a concert or other event, please remember that you are representing Barnsley Youth Choir and therefore, it is important that you do not disrupt other choir members by persistent talking or inappropriate behaviour. We expect all members to be considerate to other choir members. Please listen to, and respect the choir leaders, volunteers and all other choir members at all times. Disrupting the rehearsals or behaving inappropriately will not be tolerated and it could lead to you being asked to leave the choir. The use of mobile phones is not permitted during rehearsals. Members are encouraged to bring a bottle of water for rehearsals but should refrain from eating whilst rehearsals are taking place as this can be disruptive to other members.

### Keeping you safe

It is the role of our volunteers to keep you safe whilst you are with us. If you have any concerns about yourself or any other choir member during your time at rehearsals or other events, it is important that you tell a volunteer at the earliest opportunity so that they can help. We also need to ensure that you are safe getting to and from choir rehearsals and events. Please ensure that you have suitable arrangements in place; it is not acceptable to leave choir without us being aware that you have appropriate means of getting home. We have a zero tolerance policy to all forms of bullying and inappropriate language, and we do not permit smoking or the use of alcohol or drugs whilst you are participating in Barnsley Youth Choir events, rehearsals or competitions.

### Social media

Please think carefully about anything that you place on social media sites as once it is on there, it is available for the whole world to see. Please think about the positive image of Barnsley Youth Choir and do not post anything inappropriate or unprofessional when referring to the choir or its members. Doing so could lead to you being asked to leave the choir.

**I have read the above and agree to the expectations of Barnsley Youth Choir.**

**Signed (Choir Member)..... Date.....**

**Signed (Parent/carer if under 16)..... Date.....**