



# Wesley House

## The Methodist College in Cambridge since 1921

*A reflective, cross-cultural community of prayer and study for students and scholars in the Wesleyan tradition*

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### Children on site

Children of students, visitors and staff are very welcome to be in college and also to join us for worship. This short guide sets out some of the 'ground rules' which are in place to help avoid misunderstandings.

In general we ask that parents help us maintain a balance. We want the college to be a welcoming place for children whilst recognising our primary purpose as a place of study, worship and work.

#### Responsibilities

It is important that parents understand that Wesley House and its staff have no formal responsibilities for looking after children and that parents are responsible for their children at all times that they are on the premises. Our Safeguarding policy covers the more formal aspects and should be read alongside this guide.

#### Security

Members of the public can usually get into the Court and into the Gutteridge Building during office hours (Mon-Fri 9am to 5pm) and occasionally at other times. Even during office hours staff may not be in the office to monitor who is coming into the college, and they are not tasked with checking the identity of everyone passing through. Parents are responsible for knowing where their children are. They should not be left unaccompanied in the Court or in any public room e.g. the library.

#### Noise

We understand that children having fun will not always be a silent activity; parents are asked to ensure that noise levels are appropriate to the time of day and what is going on around the college. There may be occasions when we ask that there are no noisy activities in the Court e.g. during worship in the chapel or when there is teaching in the Dining Room and the doors are open.

We are not in control of noise from Jesus College. Their West Court bar is open until 11pm and it can be noisy.

#### Toys

Please do not leave any toys or other items on pathways or in the gatehouse as people can trip over them and the pathways are the college's emergency exit route. Toys can be left on the grass whilst playing but must be cleared away before the end of the day. The Court is small and not suitable for ride-on toys except for the smallest children. Bicycles and skateboards are not allowed in the Court at all.

#### Communication

Wherever possible the college staff will communicate instructions to parents rather than to the children themselves. However, if a situation needs dealing with immediately and parents are not present we will intervene. We will also take immediate action if we think there is a risk of harm to a child, which may include removing them to a safe place such as the office.

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