

Children's Meeting

We have a children's group which meets from 10:15am to about 11:05am on Sundays, after which the children join the adults towards the end of Meeting for Worship. The Children's Meeting is not a "Sunday School" but hopes to pass on something of the spirit of Quakerism while providing a range of enjoyable activities. Children are also welcome to join Meeting for Worship for the whole hour if they wish to do so.

In fine, warm weather we often hold our meetings in one of the gardens at the Health and Wellbeing centre and occasionally the children may be taken out for a walk or other activity: we shall not take them off the premises without your permission.

It is helpful if you bring the children to their room between ten o'clock and ten past ten so that if you are not staying with them you have time to take your seat in Meeting for Worship. If you or your children are new to the meeting please make sure that the organiser knows your children's names and ages, as well as anything else which may be relevant to their safety.

Joining the Adults

The children normally join in the last few minutes of Meeting for Worship. Smiley Face marker cards are available to help keep seats next to you free for your children.

"Afterwords" which follows Meeting for Worship, is a period in which Friends may share thoughts which may not have quite led to spoken ministry, and when the children may also share their activities. There will then be Notices before tea, coffee and squash.

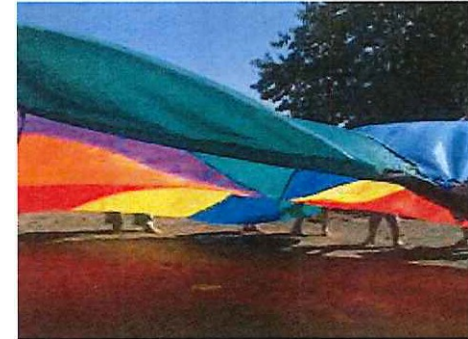
It is helpful if younger children, in particular, come prepared with a familiar book or toy which can keep them quietly occupied until refreshments.

Parents resume responsibility for their children once they join Meeting for Worship.



image: Brian Goddard

Extended Children's Activities



Families are very much part of our Quaker Meeting. The Sunday Children's Meeting is central to our involvement with children but there are other occasional events throughout the year to which families and children are very welcome.

Other events for children and families are organised through Oxford and Swindon Area Meeting.

Older Children and Young People are encouraged to participate in Quaker activities beyond our meeting

- A regular Teenagers' Group at Oxford Meeting
- A residential Summer School or Senior Conference

Safety & Responsibility

All who work with the children are expected to work within the Oxford and Swindon Area Meeting "Safeguarding Policy" and guidelines developed by Quaker Life in "Meeting Safety".

There will always be a Children's Committee member and at least one adult helper with the children. Parents are welcome to stay as long as their children need them.

We hope that adults and children would aim to:

- listen to each other
- be willing to work and play fairly and sensibly
- treat others as they would like to be treated

All Children's Committee members have obtained satisfactory "Disclosures" from the Criminal Records Bureau or Disclosure and Barring Service.

Children's Committee

(convenor)

Safeguarding Representative -

Area Meeting Safeguarding Coordinator-

Meetings are held on Sundays at
10.15 a.m.

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with children