



# Joining the **KIDS FRIENDLY** Network Application Form

Southern Presbytery / Synod of Otago and Southland

Presbyterian Church  
of Aotearoa New Zealand

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Please return a copy of the completed application form and donation to:

**Cheryl Harray, Kids Friendly Advisor, 14 Honeystone Street, Helensburgh, Dunedin 9010**

\_\_\_\_\_ Church of the Southern Presbytery

(\_\_\_\_\_ resource area)

Would like to:

Join the Kids Friendly Network

Work to become a Kids Friendly Church\*

## **Kids Friendly Network** members receive:

- Kids Friendly news including the seasonal “Hands On” newsletter and email news of ideas, resources and events.
- Invitations to Kids Friendly events.
- Advice (email and telephone) on Kids Friendly issues and requirements eg safety protocol and policy, including children in worship, community outreach, curriculum, employment etc.
- Kids Friendly Resource Manual including Safety in Children’s Ministry, Employing a Children’s Ministry Worker, Kids Friendly Ideals and Self-Review and other resources as they are developed.

## Churches working to become “Kids Friendly” agree to a process that includes/requires:

- A Kids Friendly presentation to the session/parish council
- A commitment by the minister, children’s ministry worker and session clerk to: work through the “Kids Friendly Ideals and Self-Review” resource , set Kids Friendly goals, complete the self-review form and sign the Kids Friendly Pledge.
- A Kids Friendly assessment by the Kids Friendly Coach.
- Coaching meetings (optional) with the Kids Friendly Coach to help churches develop a strategy and meet goals identified through the self review process.
- A willingness to brand their church Kids Friendly through the use of signage and logos once they have been assessed “Kids Friendly” by the coach.
- A willingness to share resources and ideas with other churches.

*\*Churches wishing to contract to become “Kids Friendly” should have this agreed to by session/parish council and submit the signed pledge (attached) with their network application form. They are encouraged to invite Kids Friendly to share the vision with their session/parish council before making this decision.*

Do you identify yourself as? (Please tick box)

Actively Kids Friendly       Wanting to be Kids Friendly

Name of Minister	Phone	Email

Postal address:

Name of Children's Ministry Contact	Phone	Email

Postal address:

We enclose a cheque for \$75 (made out to PCANZ) as a one-off donation towards the costs of producing the Kids Friendly Best Practice Resource Manual and "Hands On" newsletters.

Your donation receipt will be sent with your resource manual.

*Thank you to the Synod of Otago and Southland for funding the Kids Friendly Advisor to assist churches in their mission to children and families.*

## CONTACT:

For more information please don't hesitate to get in touch.



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# THE KIDS FRIENDLY PLEDGE

We the Presbyterian/Union Church of

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commit to working to become a Kids Friendly Church.

1. We take ownership of and aspire to the Kids Friendly Ideals.
2. We will form a "Dream Team" including the minister, children's ministry and session/parish council representatives to review our current Kids Friendly status.
3. We agree to review our church every two years (or when we have a change of minister) using the Kids Friendly Self-Review resource.
4. We will set and work towards Kids Friendly goals for the next two years and access advice to achieving these from the Kids Friendly coach where necessary.
5. Once we believe we are meeting the Kids Friendly ideals we will submit our review documentation for Kids Friendly assessment.
5. We agree to share our resources and experiences with other Presbyterian/Union churches.
6. We understand that we can use Kids Friendly logos and artwork once our review has been approved by the Kids Friendly Coach.

Minister: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Session Clerk: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Children's Ministry: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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## THE KIDS FRIENDLY IDEALS

### A KIDS FRIENDLY CHURCH HAS:

- ☺ A heart for children
- ☺ A Vision and Mission for including and connecting with children
- ☺ A Kids Friendly Sunday
- ☺ Mission culture
- ☺ Valued children
- ☺ Valued children's ministry leaders
- ☺ A safe and healthy environment
- ☺ Effective administration
- ☺ A commitment to self-review
- ☺ A Kids Friendly minister

