

# STANDARD 1

## CREATING AND MAINTAINING SAFE ENVIRONMENTS GUIDANCE FOR INDICATOR 1.5

### **1.5D Guidance on Religious (who do not have Ministry with Children or are not Managing Allegations) who Facilitate Groups of Children on Church Property**

Some religious orders, for example, enclosed communities, may open their property to groups of children as part of their faith development. Responsibility for the children rests with the organisers of the visit (the school, those involved with sacramental preparation, etc.).

If a member of the Church body **is directly involved with the children, this is classed as ministry with children**, and the applicable indicators in Table 1 of the policy apply.

If a member of the Church **body is not directly involved with the children, this is not classed as ministry with children**, and the Church body is only required to fulfil the indicators contained in Table 3 of the safeguarding policy. In this situation, as part of Indicator 1.5, the following safeguards must be in place:

- The adult leader organising the visit is advised that the safeguarding procedures of the Church body/school to which they belong apply during the period of the visit;
- The organiser is asked to complete a form for use of Church property by external groups (Guidance 1.5A Template 1), and this is retained by the Church body as part of record-keeping requirements (Appendix B).