

CAMP SHAMROCK BEHAVIOUR, MOBILE PHONE & COVID POLICY

Important Notice to Parents and Guardians

This policy should be read prior to completion of an application form

We at Camp Shamrock take our duty of care to the children seriously. All reasonable steps are taken to ensure they have an unforgettable experience. Following our annual risk assessment, we would like to bring some important points to your attention. Please carefully consider these conditions upon which your child is accepted to attend Camp Shamrock.

Bullying:

We take the issue of bullying very seriously. We define bullying as “systematic targeting for verbal or physical abuse.” Whether in school or play there are scraps and arguments that arise between children. Whereas we seek to avoid these incidents, they are not to be confused with bullying.

All matters which are regarded as serious behaviour problems are brought to the directors. We operate a three-strike policy for less severe incidents. Two warnings will be given and if a child is brought to us a third time, we will send them home. However, in some cases, depending on the severity of the incident, the child may be sent home immediately without warning. The parents or guardian of the child will be contacted and informed in detail regarding any bullying incident. It will be the parent/guardian’s responsibility for the child be collected ASAP and taken home. You must therefore ensure a parent/guardian is available and easily contacted at **all** times.

An incident log is kept which parents are at liberty to view.

Web Site:

The Camp Shamrock web site was built primarily at the request of our young people. It is an effective way to share their experience with family and friends. If there are any pictures you do not wish shown on the web site we will be happy to remove them. Please contact bert.ritchie@gmail.com or sheba.clinton@googlemail.com

Mobile Phones:

Please ensure you read the notes on the application form regarding mobile phones in addition to these notes.

The use of mobile or cell phones is common with our children. However, to ensure the safety and well-being of all campers, we will be operating a lock box system for safe storage of mobile phones. While we strongly **discourage** you from allowing your child a phone during their stay, if you choose to send one, it must be given to a Director on arrival. The mobile will be given to your child for use at a designated time of the day. This is for texting/calling home only. Children will be supervised during this time. Use of social media and taking photos will not be permitted. If your child would like to take photos, we recommend they bring a disposable camera labelled with their name.

During all other times, mobile phones will be collected and safely stored in the lock box.

Camp Shamrock will not be responsible for any damage or loss of children's phones. Additionally, we cannot accept liability for the use and safety of the child's phone. Charging the phone on the Camp's equipment is discouraged and is done so at their own risk.

We understand that campers may need to contact their families during their stay at Camp Shamrock, and we will ensure that there is ample opportunity for children to call home during these designated times.

In addition to safeguarding of all children, by limiting the use of mobile phones to designated times only, we believe this encourages the children to interact more and feel that they will benefit fully from the experience of the camp. Please understand this and ask your children to respect our decision accordingly.

Contact numbers of camp staff can be provided in case of emergency.

We take the privacy and safety of our campers very seriously and appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

This policy is for the protection of both children and staff

We cannot be responsible for any image taken or transmitted by mobile devices. We therefore ask that you instruct your child to be respectful of the conditions in which we will be accepting them and to abide by the rules accordingly.

We have a provision for keeping items of value and everyone is encouraged to make use of it.

COVID MANAGEMENT POLICY

Taking Actions to Lower the Risk of COVID-19 Spread

Prior to and during the course of the camp the following prevention strategies will be implemented.

- On arrival at the camp, all staff and campers will be required to have a mandatory temperature check. This will continue at regular intervals daily throughout the camp if we feel it is necessary at that time.
- Strict hygiene will be required at all times, including regular hand washing. Sanitiser will be readily available in various locations around the campsite.

In the event that your child manifests covid symptoms they will be immediately isolated and a Covid test will be carried out – subject to parental permission

In the event that a Covid test is positive

- Your child must return home to prevent further spread of the virus.
- You will be informed immediately of your child's results.
- As the parent/guardian it is **your responsibility** to make the necessary arrangements for your child to be picked up as soon as possible.

In Conclusion:

The care of your children is of utmost importance to us. Our staff are instructed to always give this priority. We are also aware of the influence we have on the children and endeavour to the best of our ability to run camp in a courteous, friendly and Christlike manner. Please encourage your child to observe the rules and behave in a manner which makes camp a happy experience for everyone. You can find more detailed information regarding risk assessment, child protection policy, etc. on our website or contact us if you have any questions.