

Would you like to join us at Lewes Children's Meeting?

What happens at Children's Meeting?

We make art and craft, cook, write, play games and listen to stories. There's a snack of biscuits and squash in the middle of the session {please inform us of any allergies}. Towards the end of the session we sit quietly before joining the grown-ups for the last few minutes of their Main Meeting. Our children and their parents and carers are a much-valued part of our community.

All children of any age are welcome. Currently we have mainly school age children – mostly primary age and a few at secondary school.

When is Children's Meeting?

We meet in the Children's Room at 10.30 on the second and fourth Sunday of each month. The session ends at 11.30 am. Parents and carers of the children are asked to make sure their children are happily settled before they themselves go into Main Meeting if they want to.

Otherwise, they are welcome to stay. Should your child need you while you are in Main Meeting, someone will come to find you.

We try to demonstrate Quaker values of loving care for one another in everything we do, rather than try to impose a set of beliefs. We aim to make Children's Meeting an enjoyable experience.

It's our custom to bring the children into Meeting for Worship for about the last 10 minutes. Most Quakers are very tolerant and are delighted to see them coming in and to hear a little chatter. Small children are not designed to sit quietly! If your child isn't happy in Main Meeting, you can look after them back in the Children's Room.

Parents and Carers are responsible for the safety of their children after Meeting for Worship ends. We do not provide supervision for children during coffee time or when they are playing in the garden. The Meeting House garden is near a busy road and gates should be kept closed and latched at all times. Please look after your children when they are playing in the garden before or after Meeting.

Children's Meeting is run by the Children's Worker, assisted by a rota of helpers, including parents. Before becoming involved, they are all required to undertake a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check for Safeguarding purposes. We have a written safeguarding policy and are happy to provide you with a copy.

We are fortunate to have a permanent Children's Worker. Please talk to her at any time about your child. You can find her



details overleaf or pop in on a second or fourth Sunday at the end of Meeting.

Information for Parents

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"Rejoice in the presence of children and young people in your meeting and recognise the gifts they bring. Remember that the meeting as a whole shares a responsibility for every child in its care...Do you invite them to share their insights with you? Are you ready both to learn from the and to accept your responsibilities towards them?"

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If you have any questions or concerns about Children's Meeting please speak to, or email, the Children's Worker

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