

PARENT OR GUARDIAN CONSENT FOR CONNECT LEADERSHIP TEAMS

Dear parent or guardian,

Your son or daughter is applying to become a Connect leader in their secondary school with Aylesbury Vale Youth for Christ. We're looking to bring Christian young people together from across the churches to lead Connect groups within their schools, in the hope that their friends will discover the love of Jesus and join the family of God. You can get a feel for what we're trying by going here:

<https://aylesburyvale.yfc.co.uk/startsomething>.

Your son or daughter will be completing or will have completed an application form online and this document needs to be uploaded at the end of it. Please read through their online application so you know what we're proposing.

For your young person to take part we need to ensure we have your consent and that we are allowed to be in touch with your young person. Please would you print, read and sign the following 4 sections. Please contact the office if you have any questions. We can be reached by emailing office@aylesburyvale.yfc.co.uk or tom@aylesburyvale.yfc.co.uk. Alternatively you can give us a call on 07842 607 639.

1) Young person's involvement in the Connect leadership team

We need to ask for your consent for your son or daughter to be part of this initiative, which we hope will become a standard part of the youth programme for churches across Aylesbury. We'll need to gather the young people together for planning and preparation and would ask for your permission to do this also. In practice, this would mean running Connect once a week in their school, meeting with their linked youth leader or volunteer twice a month as a team and meeting once a month with all the Connect Leaders from across Aylesbury. The monthly meeting will always be on the second Sunday of each month at 5.00pm before our youth event, Unite. We're planning to eat together on each Sunday, so please make sure their dietary and medical information is correct on their online application form.

Please delete and sign as appropriate.

I do/do not give permission for my son/daughter_____ to be involved in the student leadership of their Connect group within their secondary school. They have my permission to attend necessary meetings with Aylesbury Vale Youth for Christ staff or volunteers either within or outside of the school day for preparation and planning. I understand that attendance from 5.00pm on each second Sunday of the month is a key aspect of this.

Signed_____ Date_____

Print name_____

2) Communication with your young person

To create streamlined groups it is essential to be able to contact your son or daughter directly. We will organise them into Google classrooms and give them access to our Gsuite system. We'll use these groups for communication, logistics, updates, prayer requests and encouragement. We will also need to contact them directly via email and mobile devices. From time to time, we'll also use these channels of communication to make Connect Leaders aware of other opportunities within Aylesbury Vale Youth for Christ or other organisations that we partner with.

If at any point you would like to see any of the communication that is taking place in these contexts, please contact the office and we'll arrange a meeting with you to show you the relevant content and answer any questions you have. We will always be as transparent as we can and will take any issues you raise very seriously in line with our Safeguarding and E-Safety policies. Nothing that is posted or shared in these groups will be treated with confidentiality.

Please delete and sign as appropriate.

I do/do not give permission for my son/daughter to be contacted directly by Aylesbury Vale Youth for Christ. Aylesbury Vale Youth for Christ may use my son/daughters personal mobile phone number and personal email address for the purpose of co-ordinating student led Connect groups within their secondary school and related courses such as Youth Alpha and for wider contact regarding other opportunities. I understand that I have the right to see any of this communication upon request.

Signed _____ Date _____

3) Photos and video

We'd love the opportunity to take video or photos within the groups. Please may we have your permission to use images and/or video footage of your young person in our promotional material including website, newsletters and social media. All such images will be stored securely on Aylesbury Vale Youth for Christ servers.

Please delete and sign as appropriate

I do/do not give permission for Aylesbury Vale Youth for Christ to take and use still and moving images of my son/daughter within their projects for use in digital and printed publicity.

Signed _____ Date _____

4) Contact with you as the parent or guardian

We'd love to keep you updated on the things we're doing. This may include newsletters, appeals and fundraising activities, events for young people, events for the wider community or other supporter communications. Please provide details of how you would like to be contacted.

Please keep in contact with me via:

	Yes	No
Post	☐	☐ _____

Email ☐ ☐ _____

Mobile phone ☐ ☐ _____

Text message ☐ ☐ _____

Signed _____ *Date* _____

Print name _____

Please scan and upload this form at <https://aylesburyvale.yfc.co.uk/startsomething>. There is a section at the very bottom of the webpage to upload the PDF. Alternatively, you can email it back to us on office@aylesburyvale.yfc.co.uk.

Thank you for your careful consideration and your support. We're excited to see what can be done in Aylesbury Vale through partnership with the local church.

Aylesbury Vale Youth for Christ is supported and sustained by the generosity of the local church which it seeks to serve and galvanize.

If you would like to join our team of financial supporters you can do so by going to <http://aylesburyvale.yfc.co.uk/donate>. Alternatively you can give directly by using the following details:

Sort Code: 30-90-38
Account Number: 00844031

Thank you.