

HOW TO SET UP CARING FOR GOD'S ACRE A CHURCH YARD PROJECT



1. Target the right people - Identify and contact your local schools. Think of the practical barriers that could prevent them from visiting your church and create solutions to these.

2. Build your team - trust past volunteers' wisdom for this.

3. Establish your mission statement and provide clear examples of how your team can own this.

4. Make expectations clear - people will commit if they know exactly what is expected of them.

5. Be organised - prepare for your team so they aren't kept guessing, arrange resources early.

6. Provide quality materials - use quality curriculum, structure, and resources to support your team by offering lots of suggestions, tips, and ideas to enable children to explore faith.

7. Maximise the strengths of your team

8. Make serving on team easy - schedules, rotas, responsibilities, expectations.

9. Communicate, communicate, communicate; listen, reflect, feedback

10. Encourage your team/ have fun together - team spirit is key.

11. Pray with and for your team

12. Celebrate your successes and act on your challenges

Risk Assessment - Legal and necessary

It is a legal responsibility to be safe and consider the suitability of our ministry. You can download a generic risk assessment here that will help you carry out your activity specific assessment