

# Cityside Baptist Church Children and Youth CyberSmart Guidelines

Reviewed December 2016

## Purpose

To ensure that our children and youth have safe boundaries and protections in place when going on-line in a Cityside-related environment.

## Procedures

1. We encourage all children, youth and the adults with them to be present and engaged with those they are with, and not to use their phones or devices during times when Citysiders are together, unless it is for brief, non-intrusive things like taking photos or necessary communications.
2. Citysiders are asked not to let a child or youth have access to the internet via their phone or device, unless it is a carefully supervised part of a programme, and only involves apps and content they are sure are completely appropriate and safe for them. If in doubt, check with a leader of the Children and Youth Planning Team or a member of pastoral staff.
3. Where possible and practicable, parents and caregivers are to be included in emails, texts or private social media chat groups where Cityside adults are communicating with Cityside children and youth. Aim to keep individual texts and private messages to youth brief and professional, and never write anything that wouldn't be perfectly okay for their parent to read as well.
4. Private Facebook groups have been set up for sharing photos of Cityside children and youth events – please don't share photos in more public forums or tag children in Cityside-related Facebook photos.

### **Note for review:**

*SM offered to look into the filtering of the wireless account at Cityside. It would be useful to add some information here about the filtering levels once this has been actioned.*