

## Welcome To Rock Solid 2017/2018

Dear Parent/Guardian,

We would like to welcome you and your child to Rock Solid and hope that the information provided here will answer any questions you may have.

Rock Solid runs every Thursday evening during term time and is a youth group for school years 5 and 6 only. It is led by members of West Mersea Free Church who are all subject to Disclosure And Barring Service checks and are aware of the church's child protection policy. To ensure your child's safety and to adhere to child protection legislation children have access to two child advocates, David and Denise Stevenson (01206 383124), both of whom are trained to deal with any concerns that may be disclosed.

There are 30 places at Rock Solid and new places in September 2017 are initially allocated on the following basis

1. Those on the Rock Solid register for the final half term of Summer 2016
2. Children who regularly attend West Mersea Free Church on Sunday
3. First come, first served basis

In the past, we have sometimes need to operate a waiting list. During such times failure to attend Rock Solid for more than 2 evenings per half term (except for sickness, school events, and other good reasons) may result in your child's place being allocated to another on the waiting list.

A typical evening starts at **6pm** with game, thinking time (often a video Bible story and an option to pray) which provides the children with both an opportunity to explore their ideas of faith and Christianity as well as topical issues such as identity, friendship, bullying and growing up. The tuck shop will then be opened and the children are given some free time to either chat, play and take part in organised activities. Please note that children are not allowed to bring more than £1 per week for tuck. Any unspent change may be taken home at the end or optionally be donated to charities which we support to help children caught up in war and trafficking.

We politely request that children do not arrive early as we do not always have enough leaders on site before the start time to adequately care for young people. All children are expected to be collected promptly at **7.30pm** to enable Boulder, a youth group for older children, to commence on time. Children are **not** allowed to leave without being collected by a responsible adult – this includes during the lighter summer evenings. Children that bring phones should leave them in the safe care of the tuck team during the evening.

Rock Solid aims to be a place where your child can have fun, explore Christianity and be safe. If you have any further questions or would like to talk with one of the leaders, please feel free to pop in and see us on a Thursday night or contact us on the details provided below.

We would also like to invite your family to our services starting at 10.30 am. On the first Sunday of every month there is an all age service which aims to be fun, interactive, inclusive and in a multimedia format. Our other services are informal and relaxed in style and include a crèche for younger children, Causeway Kids for primary school children and Hype for secondary school aged children.

Please kindly complete the details and consent form attached and return it with your child next week.

Thank you,  
The Rock Solid Leadership Team

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