

Policy Statement for the Safeguarding of Children and Adults

Parish of St John the Evangelist Church, Fareham

The following policy statement was agreed at the PCC meeting held on **11th November 2019**

As members of the PCC we commit our church community to the support, nurture, protection and safeguarding of all, especially the young and vulnerable. We recognise that our work with children, young people and adults who may be at risk is the responsibility of the whole church community and are fully committed to acting within current legislation, guidance, national frameworks and the Diocesan Safeguarding procedures. **St Johns also hold that domestic violence in all its forms is unacceptable and inconsistent/incompatible with the Christian faith and a Christian way of living.**


1. We will ensure that all the necessary checks are made to promote the safe selection and recruitment of those who work with vulnerable groups, and provide the necessary supervision, support and training to them in order that they can undertake their roles effectively.
2. We will respond without delay to concerns raised about a child, young person or adult who may have been harmed, or be at risk from harm.
3. We will fully co-operate with the Diocese and appropriate statutory agencies during any investigation into abuse, including when allegations are made against a member of the church community.
4. We commit ourselves to respectful pastoral care for all children and adults to whom we minister.
5. We commit ourselves to promoting safe practice by those in positions of trust.
6. We commit our church to become a safe haven where victims of domestic abuse can come for help
7. The parish adopts the guidelines of the Church of England and the Diocese.
8. Each person who works with vulnerable groups, including children, will agree to abide by these recommendations and the guidelines established by this church.
9. We are committed to reviewing our policy **annually**, and as part of this, check that our parish safeguarding procedures are up-to-date and relevant.


Our Parish Safeguarding Representative(s) and are also responsible for processing DBS applications:

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Signed  Parish Priest Print name: Rev Bruce Deans

Signed  Churchwarden Print name: Elizabeth Webb

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One copy for the parish records, one copy on the parish noticeboard and one copy to be sent to the Diocesan Safeguarding Administrator at Peninsular House.