

Leadership Team Safeguarding Statement

Christchurch Leadership Team recognises the importance of its ministry with children and young people and the responsibility to safeguard children and young people entrusted to our care:

- All children and young people have the right to be treated with respect, to be listened to and to be protected from all forms of abuse.
- We recognise that we all have a responsibility to help prevent the physical, sexual, emotional abuse and neglect of children and young people (those under 18 years of age) and to report any such abuse that we discover or suspect.
- We believe every child should be valued, safe and happy. We want to make sure that children we have contact with know this and are empowered to tell us if they are suffering harm.

We are committed to:

- Supporting the safeguarding co-ordinator in their work and in any action they may need to take in order to protect children
- Ensuring that everyone working with children/young people are appropriately checked and trained in accordance with this Safeguarding Policy.
- Working with CCPAS, the local children's social services and/or local police should a case of abuse/ suspected abuse be brought to our attention

We will review this statement, our policy and procedures on a yearly basis.

Signed by Christchurch Managing Trustees and displayed on the Church Notice Board.

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