

Diocese of Worcester Parish Safeguarding Policy Statement

The Parish of St Andrew, Ombersley

The nominated Parish Safeguarding Representative is:

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The following policy has been agreed and implemented by the PCC.

1. We are committed to safeguarding and the care of the children and vulnerable adults within our church community.
2. We are aware of and will implement the House of Bishops' Child Protection Policy Protecting All God's Children (2010), and the diocesan procedures. Copies of these can be accessed at www.cofe-worcester.org.uk . We work closely with the Bishops' Safeguarding Adviser.
3. We will ensure that lay ministers, volunteers and paid workers who work with children and vulnerable adults are carefully selected and trained using the safe recruitment process and Disclosure and Barring Service to check the background of each person as outlined in the diocesan procedures. The Diocese will do likewise in respect of ordained and Licensed Lay Ministers (Readers).
4. We will respond without delay to every complaint made that a child, young person or vulnerable adult for whom we are responsible may have been harmed or is in significant danger, reporting it to the relevant authority.
5. We will fully cooperate with statutory agencies during any investigation into allegations concerning a member of the church community. We will inform the statutory agency of any suspected criminal offences or concerns that we are made aware of in respect of our contact with children or vulnerable adults.
6. We will offer informed pastoral care to any child, young person or adult survivor of abuse and provide them with details of local and national support agencies.
7. We will supervise any member of our church community known to have offended against a child, young person or vulnerable adult, ensuring that proper and preventative safeguards are in place using a written agreement.

8. We will safeguard ourselves by ensuring that we take note and do our best to comply with guidance such as that given in the Health & Safety Policy and the Lone Working Guidance and that received from safeguarding training.

9. We will monitor the use of the church social media sites to ensure there is no abusive activity.

10. We will review this policy annually checking that all our procedures and activities involving children or vulnerable adults are up to date including the Disclosure and Barring Checks.

11. We will review our insurance policy for those working with children and/or vulnerable adults ensuring we adopt the advice in the House of Bishops' Policy and Promoting a Safe Church.

12. A copy of this Policy will be displayed on the Parish Notice Board.

13. **PLEASE NOTE THAT YOU CAN CONTACT CHIDLINER FREE**

ON 0800 1111 AT ANY TIME

The PCC has identified the following activities involving children and young people to which the House of Bishops Policy applies.

(Detail the activities, frequency, location, and person responsible below).

1. Open the Book (fortnightly, in school) – Jane Hill in liaison with Ombersley Endowed First School

This Policy was discussed and agreed at the PCC meeting held on

Date: Tuesday 3rd July 2018

We the PCC agree to review and update this policy annually.

Signed by:

PCC Chair A.C Horn

Church warden: J S Batelen

Child Protection Representative: J S Batelen

Incumbent:

*Please see also the **Policy on the Safeguarding of Adults in the Church and the Parish Statement on Domestic Abuse***