

## Child Protection Policy

***The PCC of this Church agreed and adopted the following Policy on Child Protection at its meeting held on 21 March 2000.***

1. We commit ourselves to nurture, protect and safeguard all our members, particularly our children and young people.
2. We recognise that our work with children and young people is the responsibility of the whole church community.
3. We accept and endorse the principles of the *Children Act 1989*, the *House of Bishops' Policy Statement (2004)* and the Diocesan Guidelines.
4. We undertake to exercise proper care in the selection, appointment, and support of those working with children, whether paid or volunteer. We ensure that all Criminal Record Bureau checks required by law are carried out.
5. We wish to support parents and carers who have responsibility for bringing up children.
6. A copy of *Protecting All God's Children* containing the House of Bishops' Policy, and a copy of the new "Protecting Children in the Diocese of Oxford" book plus the Guide for Workers is held by Kate Wheatley in the Church Office.
7. A member of the church has been appointed by the PCC to monitor compliance with these policies and procedures.
8. All leaders and helpers of children's work will be required to read and agree to the Child Protection Guide for Church Workers with children and young people.
9. The PCC shall review this policy annually.

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Dated:

All found in the Church Office:

1. The Principles of Children Act 1999 declares that the welfare of a child is paramount.
2. The Principles of the House of Bishops' Child Protection Policy is to be found in "Protecting all God's Children" page vii.
3. Diocesan Guidelines – please read *Protecting Children in the Diocese of Oxford*.
4. Leaflet "Child Protection Guide for Church Workers with children and young people."