

Parish of the Resurrection Policy on Child Protection



This statement was adopted by The Parish of the Resurrection Alton at a Parochial Church Meeting held on:

and is applicable to St Peter's Church Beech, The Church of the Holy Rood Holybourne, All Saints Church Alton & St Lawrence Church Alton.

Child Protection Safeguarding Policy

The Parish of the Resurrection, Alton (the Parish), in all aspects of its life, is committed to and will champion the safeguarding of children and young people, both in society as a whole and in its own community. It fully accepts, endorses and will implement the principle first enshrined in the Children Act 1989: **the welfare of the child should be paramount.**

The Parish will foster and encourage best practice within its community by setting standards for working with children and young people and by supporting parents in the care of their children. It will work with statutory bodies, voluntary agencies and other faith communities to promote the safety and well-being of children.

It is committed to acting promptly whenever a concern is raised about a child or young person or about the behaviour of an adult or someone under the age of eighteen in a position of trust, and will work with the appropriate statutory bodies when an investigation into child abuse is necessary. It is also committed to the support of those who have been abused and to listening to the voices of survivors, who can help the Church learn lessons from the past.

We will carefully select and train all those with any responsibility for children and young people within the Parish in line with safer recruitment principles, including the use of DBS disclosures.

It is the policy of the Parish that:

- All those who regularly work with children or young people, including those who work on a rota, should have an enhanced DBS check;
- Those who work only occasionally will be asked to apply for a DBS check if they fulfil a supervisor role;
- All those who regularly work with children or young people will read the safeguarding policy and other appropriate and relevant information provided by the Parish Safeguarding Officer;

Any complaint or safeguarding concern should be reported immediately to the Parish Safeguarding Officer, who will follow parish protocol in following up the matter. The term 'complaint' can cover an allegation, disclosure or statement; something seen or something heard. The complaint need not be made in writing but, once received, it must be recorded and acted upon.

The policy sets out good practice in the following areas:

- How to recognise child abuse
- What to do if a child talks about abuse
- Camps/ residential activities/ off site activities
- Managing behaviour

- Bullying
- Storage and use of information, and images of children and young people
- Use of internet and e-mail
- Transporting children and young people

This policy will be reviewed annually by the Safeguarding Officer and reviewed formally by the Admin and Finance committee every three years and passed to the PCC for ratification.

Contact Details:

Diocesan Safeguarding Team 01962 737317 safeguarding@winchester.anglican.org

If you need immediate advice or help on Monday to Friday 6pm – 8am, or on weekend and Bank Holidays, please call the Hampshire out of hours service on 0300 555 1373

Parish Safeguarding Officer

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Incumbent

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This Parish Policy statement is taken from the Winchester Diocesan Manual.

The PCC has therefore adopted the Winchester Diocese Policy & Guidance in its entirety. Information on all areas is available in the Child Protection Guidance Manual which is available in the Parish Office and at <http://www.winchester.anglican.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/04/CHILD-PROTECTION-MANUAL-2016.pdf>

The PCC is committed to on-going training and will regularly review the policy and procedures.

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