

Child protection policy statement

The Parish of Sutton with Seaford adopted this statement at a PCC meeting on 26th January 2016.

As members of this PCC, we are committed to the safeguarding, care and nurture of all our members, particularly the children and young people.

- We recognise that our work with children and young people is the responsibility of the whole church community.
- We are committed to implementing the House of Bishops’ Child Protection Policy ‘Protecting All God’s Children 2004’, and the Diocesan procedures, which are based on the Children Act 1989, and Government guidance “Working together to Safeguard Children 2006”.
- We will carefully select and train ordained and lay ministers; volunteers and paid workers with children and young people using The Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS), amongst other tools, to check the background of each person.
- We will respond, without delay, to every complaint made that a child or young person, for whom we are responsible, may have been harmed.
- We will co-operate fully with statutory agencies during any investigation concerning a member of the church community.
- We will seek to offer informed pastoral care to any child or children, young person or adult who has suffered abuse.
- We will care for and supervise any member of our church community known to have offended against a child.

We will review this policy annually and as part of this process will ensure that all our procedures, particularly in relation to The Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) (Formerly the Criminal Record Bureau – CRB), are up to date. Our Parish Child Protection Co-ordinator is:

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Signed : Parish Priest/~~Incumbent~~: Paul Owen Date 26th January 2016

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A copy of this statement is to be displayed in the church and a copy sent to the Bishop’s Adviser for Safeguarding Children and Adults.