



Oadby Baptist Church

Child Protection Policy Statement

Children and young people are an important part of our church life. They have much to give us and much to learn from us. All church members have a responsibility to ensure that we nurture them in worship, learning and community life. We listen to them and respect their wishes and feelings.

As members of this church, we commit ourselves to the nurturing, protection and safekeeping of all, especially children and young people.

It is the responsibility of each one of us to prevent the physical, sexual and emotional abuse of children and young people, and to report any abuse discovered or suspected.

We recognise that our work with children and young people is the responsibility of the whole church.

The church is committed to the guidelines and procedures published by the Baptist Union of Great Britain in its booklet, "Safe to Grow"

Each worker with children and young people must know the recommendations and undertake to observe them. Each shall be given a copy of the churches' agreed procedures and good practice guidelines.

As part of our commitment to children and young people the church has appointed the following people to form the Child Protection Team.

Sheila Lamb	Designated Person
Chris Swan	Assistant Designated Person
Leanne Mitchell	Deacon
Chris Smith/Paula Jones	DBS checks
David Carter	Youth Action Team Leader
Paul Groom	Church Member
Michelle Hughes	Girls' Brigade Team Leader
Chris Smith/Mark Jones	Boys' Brigade
Chris Smith	Sunday Club Rota
Luke Wigston	Reality Youth Worker

The names and photographs will be displayed on the church premises, with the accompanying statement, "If you have any concerns, please contact one of the above."

The full Child Protection Policy will be reviewed annually by the Children's Advocate during January and the 'Oadby Baptist Church Protection Policy Statement' will then be read to church members annually at the AGM. The leader of each organisation will ensure that all staff and volunteers will also have their attention drawn to it following the church AGM.

This policy and procedures apply to all staff, whether trustees, deacons, administrative, leaders of organisations as well as volunteers. The word "staff" is used for ease of description.

Sheila Lamb

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