

Selsdon Baptist Church - Safeguarding Policy Statement

SBCs vision is to be:

- A God centred church
- A serving church
- A generous church
- A kingdom church
- A courageous church
- A contemplative church

In fulfilling SBC's vision, we:

- Welcome children, young people and adults at risk into the life of our community
- Have a programme of activities for children, young people and adults at risk
- Make our premises available to organisations working with children, young people and adults at risk.

Our Safeguarding Responsibilities

- The church recognises its responsibilities in safeguarding all children, young people and adults at risk, regardless of gender, ethnicity or ability.
- As members of this church, we commit ourselves to the nurturing, protection and the safekeeping of all associated with the church and will pray for them regularly.
- We commit ourselves to the development of robust policy and procedures, to ensure their implementation and to follow them using best practice.

Prevention and Reporting of Abuse

- It is the duty of each church member and each member of the wider church family to prevent physical, sexual and emotional abuse of children, young people and adults at risk.
- It is the duty of all to respond to concerns about the well-being of children, young people and adults at risk.
- It is the responsibility of everyone to report allegations of abuse as soon as they are raised.
- Any abuse disclosed, discovered or suspected will be reported in accordance with our procedures.
- The church will fully co-operate with any statutory investigation into any suspected abuse linked with the church.

Safer Recruitment, Support and Supervision of Workers

- The church will exercise proper care in the selection and appointment of all paid and voluntary workers ensuring they have the appropriate Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) Enhanced Disclosure.
- All workers will be provided with appropriate training, support and supervision to promote the safekeeping of children, young people and adults at risk.

Respecting Children, Young People and Adults at Risk

- The church will adopt a code of behaviour for all who are appointed to work with children, young people and adults at risk so that all children, young people and adults are shown the respect that is due to them.

Safer Working Practices

- The church is committed to providing an environment that is as safe as possible for children, young people and adults at risk and will adopt ways of working with them that promote their safety and well-being.

A Safer Community

- The church will seek to ensure that the behaviour of any individuals who may pose a risk to children, young people and adults at risk in the community of the church is managed appropriately. The church is committed to the prevention of bullying.