

St Chad's Policy and Guidelines for Child Protection

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“As Christians we are charged to love and care for each other. This is particularly true where the most vulnerable members of our community are concerned. Children and young people have specific needs, which can be met by the Church if its members respond to the call to be Christ’s people living in his way” Christ saw children as demonstrating a full and intimate relationship with God. He gave them status, time and respect.

Child Protection is a vitally important issue that requires a professional attitude and commitment. We here in the Parish of St Chad’s regard the issue of Child Protection and Welfare as a major priority.

Our aim is to ensure that all of those in our churches involved with working with children* are appropriately appointed, trained and supported; that they are aware of the signs to look out for regarding a suspicion of abuse and are aware of the system of reporting any suspicions of any allegations made to them.

Through the development of good working procedures and practices we want to create a safe environment for children so that a climate of openness and trust can be developed between children and the adults working with them and God’s love and care for them can be shown.

**Definition: ‘child’ – applies to children and young people up to the age of 18. Although not stated, the details in this document also apply to ‘vulnerable adults’*