



Holme Christian Fellowship

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HCF Children and young people - Protection Statement

Holme Christian Fellowship Trustees will make all church members aware of this statement and will ensure that every children's worker has a copy of the full Policy document.

- 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.
- We undertake to exercise proper care in the selection and appointment of those working with children and young people, whether paid or volunteers.
- The church is committed to supporting, resourcing, and training those who work with children and young people, and to providing supervision.
- Each worker with children and young people will know the recommendations contained in the church's policy and procedures, and will undertake to observe them. Each shall be given a copy of the church's agreed procedures and good practice guidelines.

As part of our commitment to children and young people, the church has appointed Mrs Sandra Lemming as Child Protection Officer and Mrs Sue Strangeway as Deputy Child Protection Officer.

The Child Protection and Deputy Child Protection Officer's roles are:

- to be the central point of contact for any child protection concerns raised within the church: he/she is the person that children's or young people's workers can turn to if they have any concerns about a child or young person in their care or about the behaviour of one of their fellow-workers.
- to be the person that children know they can speak to if they have a concern about any child protection matter, although we recognise that children will often turn to the person they most trust in such situations.
- to speak up for the children and young people so that they have an independent voice in the life of our church.

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