



## **Safeguarding Children & Young People Policy Statement**

This statement was agreed at the church Annual General Meeting held on the 19<sup>th</sup> July, 2022.

It will be read at the AGM each year.

Children and young people are an integral part of the church. They have much to give as well as to receive.

We (the Church Members) recognise that work with children and young people is the responsibility of the whole church.

As part of our mission we are committed to:

- Nurture, protect and safeguard children and young people.
- Respect and listen to children and young people.
- Support, resource, monitor and train those who work with children and young people.
- Ensure those who work with children and young people are checked through the Disclosure Barring Service (DBS)

As part of Histon Baptist Church's commitment to children and young people in our care:

- We will be responsible for seeking to prevent the spiritual, physical, sexual, and emotional abuse or neglect of children and young people.
- We will report any abuse or neglect discovered or suspected to the appointed Safeguarding Children Co-ordinators
- Each volunteer will be asked to complete a voluntary contract with references, participate in training and observe the agreed procedures.
- Volunteers that are completely new to HBC need to have attended church consistently for at least 6 months prior to involvement with any children & youth activities on a regular basis.

This policy statement will be reviewed annually by the Safeguarding Children Co-ordinators and the Diaconate. Any subsequent changes to the statement will be approved at a church meeting.

The Safeguarding Children Co-ordinators for Histon Baptist Church are:

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