

Parish of St. John's, Brandon and St. Catherine's, New Brancepeth

Parish Policy Statement on Safeguarding Children and Young People in the Church

This statement was adopted by the Parish at the Parochial Church Council meeting held on 21st March 2018 and renewed October 2022.

This policy will be reviewed each year by the PCC.

1. We treat all children and young people, fit or disabled, with respect. We listen when they speak to us and we provide as safe and welcoming an environment as we can.
2. Anyone working with children or young people when their parents or carers are not present must be in possession of a current DBS. The Parish Safeguarding Officer records on behalf of the PCC the registration number of each disclosure form.
3. It is normal good practice that people working with children and young people will remain in sight of another person. The Parish Safeguarding Officer will update them with guidelines on children's safety.
4. In the event of concern for a child's or young person's safety or concern that an adult or another child or young person is behaving inappropriately, the incumbent should be informed, and/or the Diocesan Safeguarding Advisor.
5. The PCC appoints to be the Parish Safeguarding Officer in this parish. This person will hold and make available a copy of the Diocesan Handbook, 'Safe and Secure'.
6. The Diocesan Safeguarding Advisor is Beth Miller, who may be contacted on 07968 034075.

Signed:

Incumbent

Churchwarden

Date