

# Child Protection Policy Statement

## Southwell Baptist Church

Based on the Baptist Union Of Great Britain Publication 'Safe to Grow'

This statement was agreed at the meeting held in March 2006.

It will be read annually at the AGM of SBC held in the first quarter of the year where progress in carrying it out will be monitored.

- 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 volunteer.
- The church is committed to supporting, resourcing and training those who work with children and young people, and to providing supervision.
- The church is committed to following the Home Office Code of Practice Safe from Harm and adopts the guidelines and procedures published by the Baptist Union of Great Britain in its publication Safe to Grow (revised edition).
- Each worker with children and young people must know the recommendations, and 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 appointed Jeanette Derbyshire and Debbie Hapgood to be their Childrens and Young Persons Advocate(s). Their role will be regularly explained to children, and their name(s), address(es) and phone number (s) publicly displayed.

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