

Child Protection

At Bromley Baptist Church we want all our youth and children's activities to be places of safety and growth for all those involved. We therefore have a child protection policy, set within the guidelines of the Baptist Union's 'Safe to Grow' policy, that is reviewed annually:

Bromley Baptist Youth and Children's Work

Policy Statement on Safeguarding Children in the Church

Loving God, loving one another, loving our community and the wider world

In fulfilling this vision

- .. we welcome children into the life of our community;
- .. we have a programme of events for children;
- .. we make our premises available to organisations working with children.

The church recognises its responsibilities for the safeguarding of all young people under the age of 18 (regardless of gender, ethnicity or ability).

As members of this church we commit ourselves to the nurturing, protection and safekeeping of all associated with the church and will pray for them regularly.

In pursuit of this we commit ourselves to the following policies and to the development of procedures to ensure their implementation.

Prevention and reporting of abuse

It is the duty of each church member to prevent the physical, sexual and emotional abuse of children, and the duty of each church member to respond to concerns about the well-being of children and to report any child abuse disclosed, discovered or suspected.

The church will fully co-operate with any statutory investigation into any suspected abuse linked with the church.

Safe recruitment, support and supervision of workers

The church will exercise proper care in the selection and appointment of those working with children, whether paid or volunteer. All workers will be DBS (formerly known as CRB) checked and provided with appropriate training, support and supervision to promote the safekeeping of children.

Respecting children

The church will adopt a code of behaviour for all who are appointed to work with children so that all children are shown the respect that is due to them.

Safe working practices

The church is committed to providing a safe environment for activities with children and will adopt ways of working with them that promote their safety and well-being.

A safe community

The church is committed to the prevention of bullying of children. The church will seek to ensure that the behaviour of any who may pose a risk to children and young people in the community of the church is managed appropriately.

The Safeguarding Team

Glenis Ruston is the Designated Person

The Trustees in Glenis Ruston's Support Group provide oversight of the Church's Safeguarding Policy and Procedures.

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