



WEST AUCKLAND VINEYARD CHURCH

Child protection policy Safeguarding children and young people

As members of WAVC, we are committed to the nurturing, protection and safekeeping of all, especially children and young people

WAVC takes seriously the welfare of all children and young people who come onto its premises or who are involved in its activities. We aim to ensure they are welcomed into a safe, caring, Christian environment

It is the responsibility of ALL to prevent the physical, sexual and emotional abuse of all children and young people taking part in church activities, and to report any abuse discovered or suspected. This also applies to those adults who are vulnerable, and accordingly procedures may need to be adapted

WAVC recognises its responsibilities to implement, maintain and regularly review procedures, which are designed to prevent and to be alert to such abuse

We will exercise proper care in the selection and appointment of those working with the children and young people, and to provide support, resources and training, and to providing supervision

WAVC is committed to following the Home Office Code of Practice “ Safe from Harm”, and adopts guidelines and procedures from the Church’s Agency for Safeguarding

As part of WAVC’s commitment to safeguarding Children and young people, Diane Farrer and Jane Bateson have been appointed to oversee Safeguarding. Their roles will be regularly explained to the children and their names and contact details publicly displayed

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