

Diocese of Oxford Parish Child Protection Policy Statement

Parish of St Mary-the-Virgin, Great Brickhill

The following policy was agreed at the PCC meeting held on 29th May 2012:-

1. We are committed to supporting the House of Bishops' Child Protection Policy *Protecting All God's Children*, and the diocesan procedures, which are based on the Children Act 1989, and the Home Office Guidance *Safe from Harm*.
2. We are committed to the safeguarding, care and nurture of the children within our church community.
3. We will carefully select volunteers and paid workers to work with children and young people and check their background using the Criminal Records Bureau system.
4. We will advise the Diocese which Registered Body we use to process applications for Criminal Records Bureau Disclosures.
5. We will advise the Diocesan Safeguarding Children Adviser if we receive a Disclosure which is 'blemished' or 'positive'.
6. We will respond without delay to every complaint made, that a child or young person for whom we are responsible may have been harmed.
7. We will fully cooperate with statutory agencies during any investigation they make into allegations concerning a member of the church community.
8. We will seek to offer support to, or refer to proper agencies, any child, young person or adult who has suffered abuse.
9. We will seek to offer support to, or refer to proper agencies, any member of our church community known to have offended against a child.
10. We will review this policy annually, and, as part of this, check that all our procedures, including the CRB Annex, are up to date.

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Signed: Rector **John Waller**
 Churchwarden **Christine Agamabar**

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