



KNAPHILL Baptist Church

Caring Christians at the Heart of the Community

Knaphill Baptist Church Safeguarding Children Policy Statement

This statement was re-adopted at the Annual Members church meeting held on 17th March 2016 and reaffirmed at the Annual Members church meeting held on 20th March 2018.

It will be presented each year to the annual general church meeting where progress in carrying it out will be monitored and the policy re-ratified.

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

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 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 person who may pose a risk to children and young people in the community of the church is managed appropriately.