

Rye Baptist Church

Policy statement on children, young people and the Church

The statement was agreed at the Church Meeting held **Monday March 14th 2011**

It will be read annually at the **Church Annual General Meeting** 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 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 who work 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 a part of our commitment to children and young people, the Church has appointed: **Geoff and Carolyn Haynes** to be their Advocate(s). Their Role will be regularly explained to children, and their name(s), address and phone number publicly displayed.

Signed.....

Fiona Gill

Rev. Fiona Gill 16th April 2018

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