

Whitstable Baptist Church

Middle Wall

Policy Statement on Children, Young People and the Church

This statement was agreed by the Church Members at the Meeting held on 26th May 2011.

It will be read annually at the church meeting where progress in carrying it out will be monitored.

Commitment

As a church, we are committed to providing a safe environment for children and young people to meet together within the framework of children's and youth activities organised by Whitstable Baptist Church.

Responsibility

As a church, we are responsible for the spiritual, physical and mental well-being of children and young people whilst they are in the care of the church.

Recognition

As a church we are committed to supporting, resourcing and training those who work with children and young people and to providing individual supervision to each worker.

In Addition

We recognise that our work with children and young people is the responsibility of the WHOLE church

The church aims to work within the guidelines of the Government recommendations in 'Safe from Harm' and the Baptist Union's guidelines 'Safe to grow'

The church aims to prevent physical, sexual, and emotional abuse and neglect of children and young people, and report any abuse discovered or suspected

Each person who works with children and young people must know the aforementioned recommendations and undertake to observe them. Each such person will be given a copy of the church's agreed procedure and 'Good practice guidelines'

All children's and youth organisations within the church adhere to this policy and each has its own specific aims and objectives available for scrutiny

As part of our commitment to children and young people, the church has appointed Pam Tyler as the Children and young people's Advocate, Peter Holgate as link deacon to children's workers, and June and Ray Jones as children's safety co-ordinators.
