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## **Parish of St Stephen the Martyr, Moulton**

### **Policy Statement on Children and Young People**

**(to be read at each Annual General Meeting)**

**This statement was agreed by the PCC on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2019.**

It will be read out to at least one PCC meeting each year, where progress in implementing it will be monitored.

As members of this Parish, we commit ourselves to the nurturing, protection and safekeeping of all, especially children and young people as follows:

- We accept it is the responsibility of each one of us to prevent the physical, sexual and emotional abuse of children and young people and to report any abuse discovered or suspected;
- We recognise that our work with children and young people is the responsibility of the whole church;
- Our church is committed to supporting, resourcing and training those who work with children and young people and to providing supervision;
- Our church is committed to following the guidelines and procedures published by the Diocese;
- The Parish will adopt the good practice guidelines in the current safeguarding Children Policy and Procedures: Chester Diocese;
- We accept that each worker with children and young people must know the guidelines and undertake to follow them. Each shall be given a copy of this policy, the leaflet "Working with children and young people- good practice at a glance", and shall attend as a minimum, the diocesan basic awareness course;
- We accept that each main leader shall have their own copy of this Parish Policy, and the leaflet, "Working with children and young people- good practice at a glance" and of "Safeguarding Children Policy and Procedures: Chester Diocese".

As part of our commitment to children and young people, the PCC has appointed a Child Protection Coordinator:

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#### **Our policy values**

Children and young people are as important part of our church today as any other group or individual:

- They have much to give as well as to receive;
- We will listen to them; and as we nurture them in worship, learning, and in community life, we will respect the wishes and feelings of Children and Young People, although as responsible adults, we may have to take decisions with which they may not agree.