

For more information about safeguarding

- The Vicar or Priest

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- Leader of your children's group

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- Parish Safeguarding Officer

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- Diocesan Safeguarding Officer

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- NSPCC
0808 800 5000
nspcc.org.uk

- Childline
0800 1111
childline.org.uk

- Additional guidance at:
www.churchofengland.org/safeguarding/promoting-safer-church/policy-practice-guidance

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The Parish of High Downs in the Kingsdown, Creekside & High Downs Benefice

St. Mary, Eastling
St. Mary, Stalisfield
St. Michael & All Angels, Throwley



The National Safeguarding Team
Promoting a Safer Church

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility

The Church of England
The National Safeguarding Team
Promoting a Safer Church

Children and Young People

How do we keep you safe?



Your community in the Church of England

Churches should be safe places where you and your family can worship.

You should be able to express your opinion about your faith, beliefs and lifestyle and feel comfortable to ask questions of your leader.

We want you to know that you can talk with us about anything, even if it feels awful or small. This might be about home, school or the Church of England community.



Should never touch you in a way that is upsetting or involves you keeping a secret. Sometimes, if you are sad they might want to give you a hug. This should only be if you have said yes.

If they give you a lift they should have your parent's permission.



Should treat you with respect.



If they want to take a photograph of you they should have permission from you and your parents.



Should help you if there is anything you don't understand.

Should not be on their own with you unless they have special permission from your parents and the vicar. This might be the case if you are having a music lesson or a mentoring session.



Your leaders and helpers

Should not be friends with you on social media through their personal account. They should message in a group chat or with your parents.



Should set a good example to you in the way that they behave, they should not be rude or have favourite children.

