

# **Christ Church URC, Chelmsford**

## **Child Protection Statement**

Safeguarding Children and Young People

As one of its major activities Christ Church URC, Chelmsford seeks to serve the needs of young people, promoting holistic development.

In doing so, Christ Church URC takes seriously the welfare of all children and young people who come onto its premises, or who are involved in its activities

### **Christ Church URC**

- aims to ensure that children and young people are welcomed into a safe, caring, Christian environment with a happy and friendly atmosphere.
- recognises that it is the responsibility of each one of its staff, paid or unpaid, and all members of the congregation, to be aware of possible physical or emotional neglect and abuse. This includes suspected risk of sexual abuse.
- will report any discovered or suspected abuses to the Church Safeguarding Co-Ordinators.
- will, where an allegation suggests that a criminal offence has been committed, contact the police as a matter of urgency
- recognises its responsibility to implement, maintain and regularly review procedures.
- is committed to supporting, resourcing and training those who work with children and young people
- is committed to maintaining good links with the statutory child care authorities and the URC
- is committed to keeping up to date with national, local and URC developments relating to safeguarding.
- is committed to supporting, resourcing and training all those who work with children and young people.
- will support those in our church who are affected by abuse.

### **Contacts**

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