

Safeguarding information for parents/carers and visitors

Our children's groups have team members who are DBS checked and safeguarding trained, but if you would like to stay with your child whilst they are in their group, please follow the guidelines below.

Christ Church is part of the Diocese of St. Albans in the Church of England, whose Archbishops, Bishops, clergy and leaders are absolutely committed to safeguarding as an integral part of the life and ministry of the Church.

If you are a parent, please encourage your child to join in with the other children in the group whilst you are present in the room.

If a child discloses anything to you that might indicate harm or abuse, please do not question them, but at the earliest opportunity report the disclosure to the activity leader.

If you see another child who needs help and support during an activity please point it out to one of the children's team members.

Please do not be alone with any of the other children in the group.

Please make a team member aware if you are toileting your child during the session or if you need to leave early with your child.

If you spot any indicators of abuse such as

- Excessive hunger
- Inadequate or insufficient clothing
- Poor personal or dental hygiene
- Untreated medical issues
- Changes in weight or being excessively under or overweight
- Low self-esteem, attachment issues, depression or self-harm
- Poor relationships with peers
- Self-soothing behaviours that may not be age-appropriate (e.g. rocking, hair-twisting, thumb-sucking)

Please first raise the concern or allegation with the group/activity leader, so that you can follow the process together and liaise with the Parish Safeguarding Officer.

Important Contacts

Children's Minister : Ruth Hulme 07554537757

Designated Safeguarding Lead: Helen Ryan 07711176426