



Parish Policy Statement for Safeguarding Children and Young People 2018

Parish of Parkstone St Peter with St Osmund and Branksea St Mary
in the Church of England Diocese of Salisbury

The following policy, first issued on 29 October 2013, was reviewed and agreed at the Parochial Church Council (PCC) meeting held on 16th May 2018

As members of the PCC, we **commit** our church community to the support, nurture, protection and safeguarding of all, especially the young and vulnerable. We recognise that our work with children and young people is the responsibility of the whole church community.

We are committed to acting within current **legislation, guidance, national frameworks** and The Diocese of Salisbury Safeguarding and Good Practice Guidelines.

We are committed to adopt and implement a safeguarding **policy** for children and young people.

We are committed to **reviewing** our policy annually, and as part of this, to check that our parish safeguarding procedures, including DBS checks, are up-to-date and relevant. We will review and endorse all safeguarding policies annually, at the **first meeting of the PCC** following the APCM, so that new members are aware of their responsibilities and to confirm the existence of the parish policy on safeguarding children and young people.

We will ensure that all the **necessary checks** are made to promote the safe selection and recruitment of ordained and lay ministers, paid workers and volunteers. We will provide the necessary supervision, support and training in order for them to undertake their roles effectively, in accordance with current good practice and guidelines issued through the Diocese of Salisbury.

We will **respond** without delay to every concern raised that a child or young person may have been harmed, or be at risk from harm or abuse.

We will endeavour to act in an open, transparent and accountable way, working in **partnership** with the Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser and the statutory agencies, and we will not conduct our own investigations.

We will ensure that **pastoral care** is made available to children and young people and their families and to any member of our church community against whom an allegation is made.

We will care for and supervise any member of our church community known to have **offended**.

The Parochial Church Council of this parish acknowledges its **responsibility** for all work with children and young people that is carried out in the name of the Church.

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Signed

Revd. Michael Camp, Rector

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