

THE ORDER OF THE CROSS

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Our Safeguarding Policy

The purpose of this policy:

To protect children and young people who attend our Gatherings and Meetings;

To provide members and enquirers with the overarching principles that guide our approach to safeguarding and child protection;

The Order of the Cross believes that a child or young person should never experience abuse of any kind. We have a responsibility to promote the welfare of all children and young people and to keep them safe. We are committed to carry out our activities in a way that protects them.

Legal framework

This policy has been drawn up on the basis of law and guidance that seeks to protect children, namely:

- Children Act 1989
- United Convention of the Rights of the Child 1991
- Data Protection Act 1998
- Human Rights Act 1998
- Sexual Offences Act 2003
- Children Act 2004
- Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006
- Protection of Freedoms Act 2012
- Children and Families Act 2014
- Special educational needs and disability (SEND) code of practice: 0-25years- Statutory guidance for organisations which work with and support children and young people who have special educational needs or disabilities; HM Government 2014
- Information sharing: Advice for practitioners providing safeguarding services to children, young people, parents and carers; HM Government 2015
- Working together to safeguarding children: a guide to inter-agency working to safeguard and promote the welfare of children;HM Government 2015

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This policy should be read alongside procedures for

- Role of designated safeguarding officer
- Dealing with disclosures and concerns about a child or young person
- Recording and information sharing

We recognise that:

- The welfare of the child is paramount, as enshrined in the Children Act 1989
- All children regardless of age, disability, gender, racial heritage, religious belief, sexual orientation or identity, have a right to equal protection from all types of harm or abuse
- Some children are additionally vulnerable because of the impact of previous experiences, their level of dependency, communication needs or other issues
- Working in partnership with children, young people, their parents and carers is essential in promoting young people's welfare

We will seek to keep children and young people safe by:

- valuing them, listening to and respecting them
- appointing a Designated Safeguarding Officer for children and young people, a deputy and a lead trustee for safeguarding
- using our safeguarding procedures to share concerns and relevant information with agencies who need to know, and involving children, young people, parents, families, and carers appropriately.
- Creating and maintaining an anti-bullying environment
- Ensuring that we have effective complaints measures in place
- Ensuring that we provide a safe physical environment for our children and young people by applying health and safety measures in accordance with the law and regulatory guidance

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We are committed to reviewing our policy and good practice annually.

This policy was last reviewed on 9th September 2018

Signed...Rayleen Finn.....Trustee lead for safeguarding