

# SEATON BAPTIST CHURCH



## Policy statement on Children, Young and Vulnerable People in the Fellowship

This statement is agreed in the church meeting as of the 23rd January 2019

- It will be read annually at the church meeting held in the month of January, where progress in its implementation will be monitored.
- As members of this church, we commit ourselves to the nurturing, protection and safekeeping of all, especially children and young people.
- It is the responsibility of each one of us to prevent the physical, sexual and emotional abuse of children and young people, and to report to one of the Designated Persons any abuse discovered or suspected to any of the Designated Persons.
- We recognize that our work with children, young and vulnerable people is the responsibility of the whole church.
- We undertake to exercise proper care in the selection and appointment of those working with children and young people, whether they are paid or voluntary workers.
- The church is committed to supporting, resourcing and training for those who work with children, young people, and the fellowship and to providing supervision.
- The church is committed to following the Home Office Code of Practice Safe from Harm and adopts the guidelines and procedures published by the Baptist Union of Great Britain in its publication Safe to Grow (revised edition).
- Each worker with children and young people must know the recommendations, and undertake to observe them. Each shall be given a copy of the church's agreed procedures and Good Practice guidelines and undergo a DBS (disclosure barring service) check.
- As part of our commitment to children and young people, the Leaders have appointed  
Jane Johns as the '**Designated Person for Safeguarding**' (DPS)  
Tim Sibley as the '**Deputy Designated Person for Safeguarding**' (DDPS), and  
Frank Head as the '**Trustee**'