

Appendix D: Parish Child Protection Policy: Model Statement

Parishes are advised to adopt this model without additions or changes

Parish of.....

We commit ourselves to nurture, protect and safeguard all our members, particularly our children and young people.

We recognise that our work with children and young people is the responsibility of the whole church community.

We undertake to exercise proper care in the selection, appointment and support of those working with children, whether paid or volunteer.

We wish to support parents and carers who have responsibility for bringing up children.

We accept and endorse the principles of the Children Act 1989 and the House of Bishops' Policy Statement *Protecting All God's Children (2004)*.

The PCC of this Church agreed and adopted the above Policy on Child Protection at its meeting held on

We have appointed
as our Children's Advocate, as described in the document Children in the Diocese of London.

Copies of Children in the Diocese of London and the House of Bishops Child Protection Policy are held by

The PCC shall review this policy annually.

Signed:

Vicar/Rector/Priest in Charge

Churchwarden.....

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Dated:

One copy of this policy statement should be kept with the PCC minutes, another copy sent to the Episcopal Area Office and one copy displayed prominently in the church.