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## **South Woodham Evangelical Church**

### **Safeguarding Children and Young People in the Church**

This statement was agreed at the church meeting held on 8th<sup>th</sup> May 2019. It will be read annually at the church meeting held in the month of May where progress in carrying it out 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, to respond to the concerns about the well being of children and young people and to report any abuse discovered or suspected.
- We recognise that our work with children and young 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 paid or volunteer.
- The church is committed to supporting, resourcing and training those who work with children and young people, 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. All church members and parents and carers of any child who attend church activities have access to a copy of the church's agreed procedures and Good Practice guidelines.

### **Responsible People**

**Margaret Martin** is appointed as the Safeguarding Managing Trustee to:

- .oversee and monitor the implementation of the Safeguarding policy and procedures.

The church has appointed **Hazel Sme** as the Designated Person for Safeguarding to:

- advise the church on matters related to the safeguarding of children and young people
- take the appropriate action when abuse is disclosed, discovered or suspected.

The church has appointed **Jane Holden** as the Deputy Designated Person for Safeguarding

**Bev Gibbons** serves as Safeguarding Administrator to administer DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) checks for those working regularly with children and young people.