



## Child Protection

Community Church Killingworth has a wide Children's and Young People's Ministry, which includes Sunday groups and several mid week groups, which are open to children and young people in our community. We take seriously our responsibility to protect and safeguard all of the children and young people who come under our care.

We aim to protect children from abuse or neglect and to protect our children's workers from false or malicious accusations.

Community Church Killingworth is committed to:

1. Providing a safe and healthy environment where the children/young people can develop their relationship and awareness of God.
2. Ensuring that the children/young people are not subject to any form of abuse (verbal, physical, emotional or sexual) within the church environment.
3. Recognising that where instances of abuse are discovered that the appropriate forms of action are undertaken.
4. Implementing a procedure to validate workers before they are allowed to work with children/young people.
5. Providing workers with training opportunities to help them undertake their role.
6. Providing parents/guardians with the appropriate support needed to develop their parenting skills (prayer/teaching/programmes).
7. Appointing a Child Protection Coordinator to oversee the implementation of the Child Protection Policy.
8. Reviewing the Child Protection Policy on an annual basis and implementing any changes necessary in order to meet the changing needs of the church and keeping abreast of new legislation/good practice guidelines.
9. Maintaining good links with the statutory Care Authorities.

# CHURCH CHILD PROTECTION POLICY STATEMENT



**CommunityChurch**  
Killingworth

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The following policy was agreed by the church leadership on 28<sup>th</sup> April 2008

- We are committed to supporting parents and families
- As leaders of the church we are committed to the nurturing, protection and safeguarding of children and young people
- We recognise that child protection is everybody's responsibility
- We are committed to following the agreed procedures and following statutory, denominational and specialist guidelines
- We seek to support all in the Church affected by abuse
- We review this policy, annually

If you have any concerns for a child or in relation to any child protection matter then speak to one of the following who have been approved as child protection co-ordinators for this church.

Dave Glover  
Tel: 0191 268 2829

Denise Forrest  
Tel: 0191 268 6611

A copy of the full policy can be seen by contacting either of the co-ordinators named above.