

Child Protection Policy Statement for Meanwood Valley Baptist Church

This statement was agreed at the church meeting held on
29 April 2007

This policy will be read annually at the church meeting and a progress report on the implementation and maintenance of the policy will be given to the church.

Ethos

"Children and young people are a vital part of our church in Meanwood. We recognise that they have valuable insights to offer to our fellowship; we will therefore listen to their views and opinions as we nurture them in worship, learning and in community life."

- As members of MVBC, we commit ourselves to the nurturing, protection and safekeeping of all, especially children and young people.
- It is the responsibility of each of us to do what we can to prevent the physical, sexual and emotional abuse 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.
- MVBC is committed to supporting, resourcing and training those who work with children and young people, and to provide supervision.

- MVBC is committed to following current Government guidance and legislation in relation to the protection of children and young people, with the additional support of guidelines produced by the Baptist Union and the NSPCC.
- Each worker with children and young people (whether paid or volunteer) must undertake to observe MVBC's agreed child protection procedures and good practice guidelines.
- As part of its commitment to children and young people, MVBC has appointed Sue Woolmore as the Designated Child Protection Person and Rosemary Laxton as the Children's Advocate. Their roles will be regularly explained to children and members of MVBC, and their names and contact details publicly displayed.