



Wealdstone Baptist Church

Working with others to bring God's love to Wealdstone

Policy Statement on children, young people and the church

This statement was agreed at the Church Members' Meeting held on 11th May 2016. It will be read annually at the Church Members' Meeting held in the month of September, 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, 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 volunteers.
- 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 taking the issue of abuse seriously and to following 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 set out in the church's **Child and Young Person Protection Policy**, and undertake to observe them. Each shall be given a copy of the church's agreed procedures and Good Practice guidelines.
- In relation to internet, email & texting the church the church adheres to the guidelines set out in the **Methodist Church Social Media Guidance For Workers** document.
- As part of our commitment to children and young people, the church has appointed **Carolynne Webber** and **Jeremy Skinner** as the Children's Advocates. Their names, addresses and phone numbers are publicly displayed.



Jeremy Skinner



Carolynne Webber