**EDGWARE PARISH SAFEGUARDING POLICY 2020 PROMOTING A SAFER CHURCH**

In accordance with the **House of Bishops’ Policy Statements ‘*Promoting a Safer Church’* (2017)** and **‘*Protecting All God’s Children’* 4th edition (2010)** and the **Diocesan Safeguarding Policy ‘*Promoting a Safer Diocese’* (2018)**

Our church is committed to:

* Promoting a safer environment and culture.
* Safely recruiting and supporting all those with any responsibility related to children, young people and vulnerable adults within the church.
* Responding promptly to every safeguarding concern or allegation.
* Caring pastorally for victims/survivors of abuse and other affected persons.
* Caring pastorally for those who are the subject of concerns or allegations of abuse and other affected persons.
* Responding to those that may pose a present risk to others.

The Parish will:

* Create a safe and caring place for all.
* Have a named Church Safeguarding Officer (CSO) to work with the incumbent and the PCC to implement policy and procedures.
* Safely recruit, train and support all those with any responsibility for children, young people and adults to have the confidence and skills to recognise and respond to abuse.
* Ensure that there is appropriate insurance cover for all activities involving children and adults undertaken in the name of the parish.
* Display in church premises and on the Parish website the details of who to contact if there are safeguarding concerns or support needs.
* Listen to and take seriously all those who disclose abuse.
* Take steps to protect children and adults when a safeguarding concern of any kind arises, following House of Bishops guidance, including notifying the Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser (DSA) and statutory agencies immediately.
* Offer support to victims/survivors of abuse regardless of the type of abuse, when or where it occurred.
* Care for and monitor any member of the church community who may pose a risk to children and adults whilst maintaining appropriate confidentiality and the safety of all parties.
* Ensure that health and safety policy, procedures and risk assessments are in place and that these are reviewed annually.
* Review the implementation of the Safeguarding Policy, Procedures and Practices at least annually.

Each person who works within this church community will agree to abide by this policy and the guidelines established by this church.

**Legal Framework:** This policy has been drawn up based on legislation, policy and guidance that seeks to protect children in England.

**ATTENTION – Are you worried about anything?**

To All Parents, Children and Young People,

If you are worried about any of SEYP club sessions please do not hesitate to contact:

* Samantha – Youth Director: [**stonegroveyp@gmail.com**](mailto:stonegroveyp@gmail.com) / 07590 994 986

**If you have any Safeguarding Concerns please do not hesitate to contact SEYP Safeguard Officer or any of the Staff members below.**

**Contact Details**

* District Safeguarding Officer Martin Enughu 07944 697391  [nonye\_t@yahoo.com](mailto:nonye_t@yahoo.com)
* District Children's Champion Henry Acquah 07956217135  [henacquah@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:henacquah@yahoo.co.uk)
* Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO) - Su Parry  [suparry56@btinternet.com](mailto:suparry56@btinternet.com)

**Additional Services**

* Barnet Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) Team (Children's) - 020 8359 4066/ Email:[mash@barnet.gov.uk](mailto:mash@barnet.gov.uk)
* NSPCC – National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children – 0808 800 5000
* Childline for children and young people – 0800 1111
* Family Lives provides support and advice on family issues – 0808 800 222.