

Parish of St. Leonard, Wortley
Within the Benefice of Tankersley, Wortley and Thurgoland

Safe Guarding Children Policy

This statement was adopted by the Parish of St. Leonard, Wortley within the United Benefice of Tankersley, Wortley and Thurgoland at a Parochial Church Council meeting held on 15th November 2012

This policy will be reviewed each year to monitor progress achieved.

Statement of Aims

To encourage children and young people to take a full part in the Church's life and worship and experience the love of God.

Policy Statement

At present there are no regular activities for young people at St. Leonard Church but in the event that this should change the following policy has been agreed by the PCC and will be implemented as appropriate.

Accountability - All youth activities must be agreed and controlled by the PCC – preferably through a designated member of the PCC.

Youth Leaders – a very strict vetting procedure (as outlined in the relevant Diocesan documents) would be adopted in the appointment all Leaders.

Bell Ringing Tower - All Wortley Bell Team Ringers of all ages will be strictly under the control of Wortley Bell Tower Captain Andrew Beevers or his authorised representative who will be responsible for ensuring that on arrival the names of all members of the group ascending the tower are registered, also for checking the safe departure of all members of that group.

Parental Consent – this would be obtained as 'blanket' coverage for routine attendance at Church and obtained specifically for individual outside trips.

Attendance Register – the names of all children attending youth meetings, bell ringing, holiday clubs etc. to be kept in a register in church and the details verified by the youth leader, bell ringer leader etc. as appropriate.

Accident Register – all accidents to both children and adults, even relatively minor ones, to be entered into an accident book in the church.

Insurance – the PCC will enter the standard Youth Insurance Scheme, as negotiated with the Ecclesiastical Insurance Group for public liability and personal accident for leaders and young people.