

St Bernard's Catholic Parish, Bacchus Marsh Safeguarding Policy for Children and Young People

St Bernard's Church, Bacchus Marsh

Our Lady Help of Christians, Korobeit

Appendix F: Special Statement for our St Bernard's Children and Young People

St Bernard's Parish wants you to know that your children and young folk are very important people in our parish.

We welcome you.

We respect you and want to empower you by respecting and considering your opinions.

We want to include you all in age-appropriate activities and liturgical celebrations.

We are determined to keep you safe and we welcome your input and feedback regarding the creation of a sustained safe environment.

We will act with justice, fairness and respect equality in all we do and all we provide for you and for all parishioners.

We will act to ensure you are protected from abuse and harm.

We know that unfortunately, some people do hurt children and young people by hitting them, sexually abusing them or not caring for them.

We want you to know that if someone hurts you, please tell your parents, your teacher, a trusted adult or the parish safeguarding officer. We will listen to you and help you. If you see a person hurting someone else, please tell the nearest trusted adult. Again, we will help that person.

His sheep are we

