

# Safeguarding Children, Young People and Vulnerable Adults

At St. Alban's, we encourage and value the participation of children, young people and vulnerable adults in all our parish activities and events.

St Alban's parish is committed to the safeguarding policies of the Catholic Church in England and Wales. Consequently, we do all in our power to create safe environments in order to facilitate the full participation of children, young people and vulnerable adults in the life of the Church.

Our commitment to Safeguarding is grounded in our belief in the uniqueness and dignity of all individuals. Consequently, we believe every member of our parish community has an entitlement to care, protection, love, encouragement and respect.

Across the parish, we promote safe practices and support volunteers working with children, young people and vulnerable adults. All parishioners and Church personnel working with these groups are expected to comply with diocesan safeguarding policies and procedures.

To view the national Safeguarding policies and procedures of the Catholic Church of England and Wales, please go to [www.csasprocedures.uk.net](http://www.csasprocedures.uk.net)

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# St. Alban's Safeguarding Code of Conduct

We are committed to the Catholic Church Safeguarding Policies of England and Wales.

- All parish workers involved with children and adults with care and support needs, to have a current DBS.
- New workers to be informed of parish code of Conduct.
- Care of children and all adults are at the centre of our work– use common sense approach!
- Respect the dignity of every individual and their right to personal privacy.
- Recognise that particular care is required in moments when discussing sensitive issues.
- Assess the risk and avoid situations that compromise your relationship with children, young people or the vulnerable and are unacceptable within a relationship of trust (Keep everything in public).
- Ensure that two team members are present, maintaining a gender balance if at all possible.
- Each group to write and communicate 'house rules' with your Team Members and Parents/Carers.
- Obtain contact details of Parents/Carers as soon as is possible.
- Obtain information concerning any health issues: children, young people may have, e.g. nut allergy, asthma.
- Obtain permission for photographs and trips.
- Listen, Record and Refer.