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## **OUR SAFEGUARDING POLICY**

High Town Methodist Church seeks to safeguard all members of the church community whatever their age and we are committed to supporting, resourcing, training and providing supervision to those who work with children and young people.

It is our responsibility as individuals and as an organization to seek to prevent any type of abuse of children, young people and adults and this forms part of our aim to develop a caring relationship between all people, of any age or circumstance, in our care.

## To this end we shall ensure that:

**Those who work with children and young people** within the life of the church shall be:

checked by the current national safeguarding authority undertake training for their role as recommended by The Methodist Church take part in the 'Creating safer space' training course.

Other office holders of the church shall be encouraged to undertake the 'Creating safer space' training as well as any other training relevant to their position.

We seek to maintain the church premises so as to create a safe environment for all our users, paying particular attention to the needs of children, young people and vulnerable adults.

We will continue to review policies and practices so as to protect children, young people and vulnerable adults from any form of harm whilst participating in church activities.

We will ensure as far as is practicable that other users of the premises also have policies in place for the protection and safety of their members and / or clients.