

Falmouth Vineyard Policy Statement on Safeguarding

Protection of Children and Adults at Risk Policy Statement

The following statement was agreed by the trustees of Falmouth Vineyard in Sep-2022:

- Falmouth Vineyard and all its ministries are committed to providing a safe and trusted environment for everyone who comes into contact with the church, including children and adults with care and support needs, and ensuring their well-being.
- We prioritise safeguarding, recognising that we all have a responsibility to help prevent the physical, sexual, psychological, financial and discriminatory abuse and neglect of children and adults, and to report any such abuse that we discover or suspect.
- We recognise the personal dignity and rights of both children and adults with care and support needs and will ensure all our policies and procedures will reflect this.
- We believe all adults with care and support needs and children should enjoy appropriate access to every aspect of the life and ministries of Falmouth Vineyard where safe and practical to do so.
- We undertake to exercise proper care in the selection and appointment of those who will work with children and adults with care and support needs.
- We believe everyone should be valued and feel safe. We want to make sure that all children and adults with care and support needs involved in the life of Falmouth Vineyard know this and are empowered to tell us if they are experiencing significant harm.

We are committed to:

- Following statutory guidelines in relation to safeguarding children and adults with care and support needs and Falmouth Vineyard will ensure that all workers (paid and unpaid) will work within the agreed procedure of our safeguarding policy.
- Implementing the requirements of the Equality Act 2010 and all other relevant legislation.
- Supporting, resourcing and training those who undertake this work.
- Ensuring that we are keeping up to date with national and local developments relating to safeguarding by working in partnership with thirtyone:eight and other organisations.
- Supporting all those involved in the life of Falmouth Vineyard affected by abuse.

We recognise:

- Children's Social Services has lead responsibility for investigating all allegations or suspicions of abuse where there are concerns about a child. Adult Social Care has lead responsibility for investigating all allegations or suspicions of abuse where there are concerns about an adult with care and support needs.
- Where an allegation suggests that a criminal offence may have been committed then the police should be contacted as a matter of urgency.
- Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

We will review this statement and our policy annually.

If you have any concerns for a child or adult, then speak to one of the following who have been approved as safeguarding co-ordinators for this place of worship and its ministries.

Safeguarding Coordinator Nikki Kite

Deputy Safeguarding Coordinator Kate Agashi

A copy of Falmouth Vineyard's safeguarding policy can be obtained by emailing safeguarding@falmouthvineyard.org.

Signed  _____

Date 02-Sep-2022

Nathan Gilbert – Falmouth Vineyard Senior Pastor

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Date 05-Sep-2022

David Kite – Falmouth Vineyard Trustee