



Benefice of Sutton, Wincle, Wildboarclough and Bosley
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Dear

Welcome to the Benefice. We are delighted that your child has joined us. We all have a responsibility for the young people in our care. We try to ensure their safety and well-being at all times.

To help us do this effectively we have implemented a safeguarding children and vulnerable adults' policy which is designed to protect your child and all the children and vulnerable adults who take part in Bell Ringing.

You can get a copy of our Safeguarding Policy from our web site or our designated Parishes Safeguarding Officer, Neil Wain (07769 931186).

In addition to the Benefice Safeguarding Policy, we also follow the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers Guidelines for Bell Ringers. At your child's first lesson, we will discuss with you the following aspect of the policy:

“The parents should be informed that to act with sufficient speed in an emergency or when learning to control a bell, it may be necessary to raise one's voice, or make physical contact (eg by taking hold of the learner's hand to take control of the bell rope). This can be demonstrated to the parents during their early visit to a practice. Procedures for acting in an emergency should be rehearsed, eg following the instruction 'Let Go' if the bell gets out of control.”

In addition, we will also seek your permission for any outings outside the normal meeting times of the group.

If you have any concerns about a person or specific safeguarding issue, please don't hesitate to speak to the Vicar or to Neil.

The Benefice is committed to creating and maintaining a safe environment for your child to enjoy.

Yours sincerely

Tower Captain