



Registered Charity no.1148017

Apollos Trust Child protection policy

The Trustees, employees, volunteers will comply with this Child Protection Policy statement of the Church of England. The Trustees, employees, volunteers will also comply with the Child Protection Policy statement of Homewood School & Sixth form centre.

The Trust will follow the procedures and guidance contained within "Protecting all God's children" and diocesan child protection Guidelines.

The Trust will appoint a Child Protection Coordinator.

The Child Protection Policy statement of the Church of England

The Church of England, in all aspects of its life, is committed to and will champion the protection of children and young people both in society as a whole and in its own community.

It fully accepts, endorses and will implement the principle enshrined in the Children Act 1989 that the welfare of the child is paramount.

The Church of England will foster and encourage best practice within its community by setting standards for working with children and young people and by supporting parents in the care of their children.

It will work with statutory bodies, voluntary agencies and other faith communities to promote the safety and well-being of children and young people. It is committed to acting promptly whenever a concern is raised about a child or young person or about the behaviour of an adult, and will work with the appropriate statutory bodies when an investigation into child abuse is necessary.

Aims and Principles of Homewood Child protection policy

As part of the ethos of the school we are committed to:

- Safeguarding children's welfare. This is our paramount concern. (This refers to all Students on roll at Homewood School).
- Providing suitable support and guidance so that students have a range of appropriate adults whom they feel confident to approach and talk to if

- they are in difficulty.
- Using the curriculum to provide opportunities for increasing self awareness, self esteem, assertiveness and decision making so that students have a range of contacts and strategies to ensure their own protection and understand the importance of protecting others.
 - Working with parents to build an understanding of the school's responsibility to ensure the welfare of children including the need for referral to other agencies as appropriate.
 - Ensuring all staff are able to recognise the signs and symptoms of abuse and are aware of the school's procedures and lines of communication on referring.
 - Monitoring children and young people who have been identified as "in need" including the need for protection; keeping confidential records which are stored securely and shared appropriately with other professionals.
 - Developing effective and supportive liaison with other agencies.

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