

POLICY STATEMENT

Safeguarding Children

Diocese
of Ferns



The Diocese of Ferns values and encourages the participation of children and young people in parish liturgies and in activities that enhance their spiritual, physical, emotional and social development.

The Diocese recognises the dignity and rights of all children/young people and is committed to their protection and support.

The Diocese undertakes to do all in its power to create a safe environment for children and young people and to ensure their protection from all forms of abuse.

The Diocese is committed to:

1. Creating safe environments for children and young people to participate in Church activities.
2. Minimising risks, in order to safeguard the interests of children and young people.
3. Ensuring that paid employees and volunteer workers are carefully recruited, selected, trained, supported and supervised.
4. Supporting victims of abuse.
5. Ensuring that the offenders are held accountable for their actions.
6. Reporting all complaints and allegations of abuse to the civil authorities without delay.

If you have any concerns (current or historical) about the welfare of children or young people, please contact one of the following:

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**Safeguarding Coordinator/
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Our Diocesan Safeguarding Children Policy aims to ensure a safe environment, where risks are minimised, where those affected by abuse are supported, where offenders are brought to account and where all allegations are dealt with justly and promptly. The Diocese of Ferns is committed to following best practice as outlined in Safeguarding Children (2009) and Children First (2011).

All church personnel must comply with this policy.

