

Safeguarding Risk Assessment

Organisation: BMC, Orrell Lane, Burscough **Assessment carried out by:** Group Leaders

Date of next review: **Feb 2023**

Date assessment was carried out: **16 February 2022**

This risk assessment covers the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults in all BMC buildings and pastoral care activities to prevent them from them risk of abuse.

The activities of the following groups have been included in the assessment:

- Sunday School
- Buggy club
- Pantomime rehearsal and performances
- Ad hoc rehearsals for 'shows'
- Church services
- All other church groups/activities

Separate assessments will be necessary where are activities are planned off site.

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PART 1 – PRECAUTIONS TO PREVENT ABUSE				
Have we completed all health and safety risk assessments, (RAs), for the church premises, and activities and has this included the particular hazards/risks to children and vulnerable adults? (e.g., Do they have access to stairs such that a gate limiting access is	Yes		To do list to action. in progress	
Have we an up-to-date risk assessment report? (BMC Policy)	No	The meaning is unclear. We believe this refers to a report to the Church Council confirming that all risk assessments have been done. We can do this.	DEP to do	
Have those working with children (WWC) been made aware of all relevant H&S requirements relevant to their role??	No	The BMC H&S risk assessments will be circulated when the latest reviews are complete	KR to do	
Has everybody working with children, (WWC), been DBSed?	Yes			

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Has everybody working with children, (WWC), completed foundation training?	No		Two outstanding to be followed up. By Anne C	
Have all those WWC been made aware of the requirements of the BMC safeguarding policy ?	Not yet	Latest (2022) BMC Safeguarding Policy and Procedures document to be circulated when finalised by church council.	Anne C	
Have all those WWC been instructed in the requirements of the BMC Code of Code of Safer Working Practice with Children and Young People? See Appendix VI of 'Safeguarding Policy, Procedures and Guidance for the Methodist Church in Britain' (CoSWP). This is model framework which should be amended for local use and revised very year.	Not yet	Latest (2022) BMC Safeguarding Policy and Procedures document to be circulated when finalised by church council.	Anne C	
For all children's activities can all adult contact with a child and/or a vulnerable adult, (VA), always been seen by another adult? What about going to the toilet?	No	Although we aim at this, we cannot confirm that this can always be achieved. The length of time where this cannot be achieved would be short.		

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For all children's activities can we meet the requirement for at least two adults, (preferably male and female)?	Yes, but not male and female			
Can we meet the 'staffing' ratios expected? (CoSWP).	Yes			
Do we keep a register of all children, VAs and adults attending children's events and have we arrangements for storing those records safely for 20 years?	Yes	Leaders to maintain.		
Do we have an up-to-date safeguarding notice board in a public place with a copy of the BMC safeguarding policy displayed there too?	Yes		Anne C to post BMC policy etc document when finalised by church council.	
Do those WWC know how to report a concern?	Not yet	BMC Policy and procedures booklet to be circulated when finalised by the		

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