

Safeguarding



The Archdiocese of Armagh upholds the right of everyone to be treated with dignity and respect and to be safeguarded from harm or the risk of harm. This responsibility is especially acute when dealing with children, young people and vulnerable members of society. The Diocesan safeguarding policy and procedures provide a positive message about how important these more vulnerable groups are in the life of the parish community and the Church.

We believe that responsibility for the well-being of the more vulnerable members of our community rests with everyone and not just parents/carers. We are all members of a Church community and, as such, have a duty to protect the health and well-being of everyone, but especially the more vulnerable. There is a network of values and relationships which we all need if everyone is to be happy, confident and productive.

Through the dedication and continuing resolve of the many hard-working priests and volunteers, we are together helping to safeguard children, young people and the more vulnerable members of parishes, thereby helping them to realize their full potential and take their rightful place in society.

For the procedures to implement the child safeguarding policy, the Parish of Cookstown follows the guidance of the National Board for Safeguarding Children in the Catholic Church in Ireland available here:

<https://www.safeguarding.ie/guidance>

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