**Policy on the Safeguarding of Children and Young Adults in the Church**

**This statement was adopted by the Parish of Birch with Fallowfield at a Parochial Church Council meeting held on 20/3/18.**

**This policy will be reviewed each year to monitor the progress which has been achieved.**

 As members of this church, we commit ourselves to the nurturing, protection and safekeeping of all, especially children and young people.

 It is the responsibility of each one of us to prevent the physical, sexual and emotional abuse of children and young people and to report any abuse discovered or suspected.

 We recognise that our work with children and young people is the responsibility of the whole Church.

 Our church is committed to supporting, resourcing and training those who work with children and young people and to providing supervision.

 Our church is committed to following the policy and procedures published by the Diocese.

 The parish will adopt good practice guidelines.

 Each worker with children and young people must undertake diocesan Safeguarding training, know the guidelines and undertake to follow them. Each shall be given a copy of the Parish’s agreed procedures and good practice guidelines.

 As part of our commitment to children and young people, the PCC has appointed Lynda Newton to be the Parish Safeguarding Co-ordinator

 Children and young people are an important part of our Church today.

 They have much to give as well as to receive.

 We will listen to them.

 As we nurture them in worship, learning, and in community life, we will respect the wishes and feelings of children and young people.

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| This church appoints Sarah Peate to represent the concerns and views of children and young people at our meetings and to outside bodies.  Incumbent............................................................................................  Churchwarden......................................................................................  Churchwarden......................................................................................  Parish Safeguarding-Coordinator….............................................................. |