

# Archdiocese of Cardiff

## Safeguarding Policy Statement

The parish of **St. Francis Xavier in Hereford** is committed to the Safeguarding Policies of the Catholic Church in England and Wales, to protect children, young people and vulnerable adults from any form of abuse or maltreatment and to promote a safe environment for them.

This commitment flows from the fact that we are all made in the image of God and the Church's common belief in the dignity and uniqueness of every human life.

We start from the principle that each person has a right to expect the highest level of care and protection, love, encouragement and respect that we can give.

We will liaise closely and openly with statutory agencies to ensure that any concerns or allegations of abuse that are raised are promptly reported and properly investigated, victims supported and perpetrators held to account.

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The Catholic Safeguarding Advisory Service (CSAS) is the national agency for safeguarding and is the registered, umbrella body of the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) for the Catholic Church of England and Wales. This document forms part of the national Safer Recruitment policy and has been endorsed by the Bishops Conference.

**For more information please refer to the CSAS website:-**  
<https://www.csas.uk.net>

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