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Child Protection Policy

As a part of the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand (PCANZ) we align with and uphold the Child Protection Policy of the PCANZ.

This means that:

- We value every person and affirm that all individuals, including children, are made in the image of God.
- We are committed to protection from harm and are resolute in safeguarding children from physical or psychological harm, neglect, sexual abuse and exploitation.
- We believe that children are gifts from God and they are deserving of acceptance, warmth and responsible care.
- We adhere to the PCANZ's Code of Ethics and the policies and requirements for those working in volunteering and paid positions with children and young people.
- We believe in safe environments for all. This means that every child participating in church activities, services, events, or programs is entitled to feel secure, cared for, respected, and nurtured.
- We are committed to cultivating a child safe culture that is open and aware. We are dedicated to fostering a culture that is open and vigilant and prioritises the safety, protection and care of all children involved in any aspect of church life.
- We are aware of our legal compliance and will use all available means to shield children from any form of abuse and to uphold the law, including mandatory reporting of abuse incidents.

Should you have any concerns or further questions about this policy please contact:

Parish Child Protection Officer

Kate King

021 103 8475

Presbytery Child Protection Officer

Rev Martin Stewart

021 308 519

A copy of the full PCANZ Child Protection Policy can be found in the parish office or at the following link:

https://www.presbyterian.org.nz/sites/default/files/for_parishes/boa/PCANZ-Child-Protection-Policy-Revised-Dec-2020.pdf