



Safeguarding Policy for Storytellers (England & Wales)

Volunteer Storytellers are expected to adhere to this Code of Good Practice.

We require each church to ensure that their Storytellers have had a clear DBS check prior to the commencement of their role. Storytellers are eligible to have an Enhanced DBS.

For the purposes of this Code, a 'clear DBS check' means that the results of a DBS check reveal no information which would, in the view of the church conducting the setting, make the individual unsuitable for the Storyteller role.

An individual Storyteller should not be left with children on their own. School staff should always be present at each assembly/act of Collective Worship.

Storytellers should be supervised by a Designated Senior Person (DSP) in England or a Designated Senior Person (DSP) in Wales. Each Storyteller should have a clear Open the Book (OtB) plan for their assembly/act of Collective Worship. The DSP should be available to support and share with Storytellers. The update should include:

- How to report concerns about a child or a storyteller to the appropriate person;
- procedure to collect and rehearse children to be part of the assembly/act of Collective Worship;
- The procedure for reporting...

