



WESTMINSTER SAFEGUARDING SERVICE

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Happy Christmas!



The Safeguarding Office would like to wish all Chaplaincy, Parish and Religious Order Safeguarding Representatives a Happy Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Christmas Arrangements



The Safeguarding Office will be closed from 24th December until 1st January 2014 inclusive.

Should any urgent matters arise during that period, the Episcopal Vicar for Safeguarding and the Safeguarding Advisor can be contacted on the numbers shown on the Diocesan website under 'Safeguarding'.

Father Christmas is coming to visit



As you all are aware, Father Christmas is due to visit very soon. The Safeguarding Office has had a number of queries asking whether he should undergo a DBS check. Father Christmas does not need to undergo a DBS check when he gives out his gifts as long as he is not left alone with any children. The supervisor should ideally be the child's parent or carer who is then to retain responsibility for their own children. Under no circumstances should Father Christmas be allowed to sit children on his lap.



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