



CHILD PROTECTION AND SAFEGUARDING STATEMENT

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Date	Change
September 2018	New Trust over-arching statement.
	All schools within the Trust to have their own Child Protection and safeguarding Policy and procedures

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Everyone who comes into contact with children and their families has a role to play. In order to fulfil this responsibility effectively, all practitioners should make sure their approach is child-centred. This means that they should consider, at all times, what is in the best interests of the child.

Safeguarding legislation and government guidance says that safeguarding means:

- Protecting children from maltreatment
- Preventing impairment of children's health or development
- Ensuring that children are growing up in circumstances consistent with the provision of safe and effective care
- Taking action to enable all children and young people to have the best outcome

Safeguarding includes child protection, health care plans, health and safety, site security, safety on school trips, anti-bullying work and so much more.

No single practitioner can have a full picture of a child's needs and circumstances. If children and families are to receive the right help at the right time, everyone who comes into contact with them has a role to play in identifying concerns, sharing information and taking prompt action.

School and college staff are particularly important as they are in a position to identify concerns early, provide help for children, and prevent concerns from escalating. All staff have a responsibility to provide a safe environment in which children can learn and all staff should be prepared to identify children who may benefit from early help.

All schools in the Trust have a designated safeguarding lead and deputies who will provide support to staff to carry out their safeguarding duties and who will liaise closely with other services such as children's social care.

All schools in the Trust adhere to the following three DFE safeguarding documents:

- Working Together to Safeguard Children 2018
- Keeping Children Safe in Education 2018
- The Prevent Duty 2015

All Trust staff are aware of systems within their school which support safeguarding and these are explained to them as part of staff induction. Schools within the Trust have a suite of Safeguarding documents which are reviewed regularly. These are:

- Child Protection Policy
- Information for Visitors pamphlet (including Safeguarding)
- Health and Safety Policy
- Evacuation Policy
- ICT: E-Safety Policy
- Attendance Policy

- Behaviour Policy
- Equality Policy
- School Hiring Policy (Lettings)
- School Trips Policy
- Whistle-blowing Policy
- First Aid Policy
- Recruitment Policy
- Extremism and Anti-Racism Policy