

WHAT IS SAFEGUARDING?

Safeguarding means proactively seeking to protect children from maltreatment, prevent impairment of children's health or development, ensuring children grow up in safe circumstances and promote their welfare.

Child Protection is protecting individual children identified as either suffering or at risk of suffering significant harm. This could be as a result of neglect, physical, sexual or emotional abuse.

Safeguarding encompasses issues such as:

Pupil health and safety, including trips and visit, behaviour, arrangements for meeting medical needs, school security, including building design and environments, drugs and substance misuse, attendance, recruitment and selection, PREVENT, staff conduct, including allegations against staff, and E-safety

The Trust Board delegate specific safeguarding responsibilities to local Advisory Boards, the Central Executive Team and school leadership through the Scheme of Delegation. Advisory Boards are regularly updated about child protection, bullying and safeguarding policies and practices by the Headteacher and Trust Head of Safeguarding & Wellbeing.

Each school within the Trust personalises its own Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy following the guidance of the Trust Policy. These policies are updated each year and approved by the school's Advisory Board to ensure they meet the needs of pupils and address local priorities and issues.

When making a visit to individual settings, Trustees should be made aware of the need to follow individual school policy and procedure as well as identifying who the school DSL's are.

CONTACTS

Leicestershire and Rutland Safeguarding Children Boards
www.lrsb.org.uk

Leicester City Safeguarding Children Board
www.lcitylscb.org

EMERGENCY SERVICES: If a child is in immediate danger call 999

DSAT Head of Safeguarding and Pupil wellbeing: Liz Braithwaite lbraithwaite@discoveryschoolstrust.org.uk

LADO / Allegations: Leicestershire - Mark Goddard 0116 305 7597

Rutland – Tracy Holliday 01572 720 913
Leicester City – Jude Atkinson / Elisha Ward 0116 454 2440

First Response Children's Duty:
Leicestershire: 0116 3050005
Leicester City :0116 454 1004
Rutland: 01572 758 407

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SAFEGUARDING ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES



Discovery Schools
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AN INFORMATION LEAFLET FOR TRUSTEES

The Designated Safeguarding Trustee for Discovery Schools Academy Trust is:



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LEGISLATION

Section 175/157 Education Act 2002

Trustees have a duty to make arrangements for ensuring that their functions relating to the conduct of the Trust is exercised with a view to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults across the Trust.

Amended by **Education and Inspections Act 2008** which places duties on providers to:

- Promote the wellbeing of learners at the college
- Have regard to the view of parents and to the relevant Children and Young People's Plan

Equality Act 2010

Promotion of equality and diversity within the whole school community.

TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES

The Trustees should ensure that:

- The Trust has effective policies and procedures and monitors the school's compliance with them
- The Trust operates safe recruitment procedures and carries out all appropriate checks on all staff and volunteers in all settings
- The Trust has procedures for dealing with allegations of abuse against members or staff and volunteers
- A senior member of the Trust leadership team is designated to take the lead, with liaison with the Head of Safeguarding, on child protection issues, who also supports staff, liaises with the LA and works with other agencies
- All schools have a Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) who undertakes interagency child protection training that is refreshed every 2 years
- All other staff who work with children undertake appropriate training that is refreshed annually
- They remedy without delay any deficiencies or weaknesses in regard to child protection arrangements that are brought to their attention
- Nominates a Designated Safeguarding Trustee (DST)
- Policies and procedures are annually reviewed and provide information to all appropriate bodies about how they have discharged these duties
- They have suitable training to undertake the roles assigned to them with regard to safeguarding children, young people and vulnerable adults

DESIGNATED SAFEGUARDING TRUSTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

The Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) for the Trust should:

- Act as the link person between the Trustees and the Head of Safeguarding
- Review safeguarding procedures/practices including access to training with the Head of Safeguarding
- Liaise with the LADO and/or partner agencies in the event of allegations of abuse being made against Trust members or Central Team
- Undertake inter-agency child protection training
- Review the Trust safeguarding improvement priorities and KPI's
- Review school audits with Head of Safeguarding to identify trends and put in place early intervention

INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE

Working Together to Safeguard Children – August 2018 update:

www.gov.uk/government/publications/working-together-to-safeguard-children--2

Safeguarding Children and Safer Recruitment in Education 2011:

www.gov.uk/government/publications/safeguarding-children-and-safer-recruitment-in-education

DfE Governance Handbook – January 2017

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/582868/Governance_Handbook_-_January_2017.pdf

