

# Safeguarding Context

Safeguarding is fundamental to the welfare of all children in our care. Our safeguarding policies are reviewed on an annual (minimum) basis by the Board of Directors which has responsibility for oversight of school safeguarding and child protection systems. Our Trust schools' Head Teachers ensure regular reporting on safeguarding activity and systems in school to each Governing Body. The Governing Body will not receive details of individual pupil situations or identifying features of families as part of their oversight responsibility.

Our Safeguarding Policy has been developed in accordance with the principles established by the Children Acts 1989 and 2004 and related guidance (see below). In addition, Section 175 (Section 157 for academies and independent schools) of the Education Act, 2002 requires governing bodies of maintained schools and further education colleges (including sixth form colleges) to ensure they safeguard and promote the welfare of children who are either pupils at the school or who are students under 18 years of age attending the further education institution. KCSIE 2022 states that colleges include providers of post-16 education, 16-19 academies, special post-16 institutions and Independent Training Providers.

## Guidance includes:

- [Working Together to Safeguard Children 2018](#)
- DfE guidance [Keeping Children Safe in Education 2022](#)
- DfE guidance [Keeping Children Safe in Education 2023](#)
- [Teaching online safety in schools \(DfE, 2019\)](#)
- [London Safeguarding Children Procedures 7th Edition](#)
- [Ofsted Inspecting Safeguarding in Early Years, Education and Skills Settings 2021](#)
- [Criminal Exploitation of children and vulnerable adult - county lines guidance \(Home Office, 2018\)](#)
- [Statutory framework for the early years foundation stage 2021](#)
- [FGM Mandatory Reporting - procedural information nov16 FINAL.pdf](#)
- [The right to choose: government guidance on forced marriage - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)