



Safeguarding Link Governor - Role and Responsibilities

Link governors should focus on a specific aspect of school life and report back to the LGB on it. Their job is to raise the profile of the issue, monitor it, and provide support and challenge to key school staff. The safeguarding link governor will:

1. Ensure that the LGB complies with its safeguarding duties under legislation, by verifying that our policies, procedures and training are *effective* and comply with the law at all times.
2. Confirm to the LGB through termly *brief* reports that the school:
 - i. contributes to inter-agency working to support children and learners who have additional needs.
 - ii. has due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism in accordance with the Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015.
 - iii. carries out reasonable checks, for example for links with extremism, on all visitors who are intending to work with children and/or staff or to address assemblies.
 - iv. ensures that an effective child protection policy is in place, including an appropriate provision within the staff behaviour policy.
 - v. appoints a designated safeguarding lead and checks that they undergo child protection training every two years.
 - vi. prioritises the welfare of children and the creation of a culture where staff are confident to challenge senior leaders over any safeguarding concerns.
 - vii. makes sure that children are taught how to keep themselves safe.
 - viii. puts in place appropriate safeguarding responses to children who go missing from education settings, particularly on repeat occasions.
 - ix. That people who pose a risk of harm are prevented from working with children by:
 - a. adhering to statutory responsibilities to check staff who work with children and learners
 - b. taking proportionate decisions on whether to ask for checks beyond those that are required
 - c. ensuring that volunteers are appropriately supervised
 - d. making sure that *at least* one person on any appointment panel has undertaken safer recruitment training
 - e. ensuring that there are procedures in place to handle allegations against members of staff and volunteers
 - f. making sure that there are procedures in place to handle allegations against other children.
3. Ensure that allegations against members of staff and volunteers are referred to the local authority's designated officer (LADO) responsible for the management and oversight of allegations against people who work with children.
4. Ensure that there are procedures in place to make a referral to the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) if a person in regulated activity has been dismissed or removed due to safeguarding concerns, or would have been removed had they not resigned.

5. Confirm that the school has a designated teacher appointed to promote the educational achievement of children who are looked after, who has received appropriate training.
6. That staff have the skills, knowledge and understanding necessary to keep looked after children safe.
7. That recruitment checks are carried out in line with statutory requirements, using the DfE guidance.
8. That the school keeps a single central record (SCR) which is complete and up-to-date. Where the link governor is a member of staff, this is satisfied by receiving reports from the Chair of Governors *at least termly* that the SCR has been checked and that there are no lapses to report.