

Role Description

Safeguarding Link Governor

Purpose of the Role

The Safeguarding Link Governor acts as the governing body's lead on safeguarding matters within the school. They support and challenge school leaders to ensure that safeguarding arrangements are effective, comply with statutory requirements, and align with the Trust's policies and procedures.

Key Responsibilities

Strategic Oversight

- Champion safeguarding within the governing body, ensuring it remains a priority in all discussions and decisions.
- Monitor the implementation of safeguarding policies, practices, and procedures in line with statutory guidance (e.g., *Keeping Children Safe in Education*).
- Ensure that the school complies with the safeguarding policy.

Monitoring and Assurance

- Meet regularly with the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) to review safeguarding practices, including staff training, and record-keeping.
- Confirm that safer recruitment processes are in place and adhered to, including the maintenance of the Single Central Record.
- Scrutinise safeguarding audits, reports, and action plans, ensuring recommendations are implemented.
- Check that safeguarding concerns are logged, monitored, and acted upon in a timely and appropriate manner.

Governance and Accountability

- Report back to the Local Governing Body (LGB) on safeguarding matters, highlighting strengths, risks, and areas for development.
- Ensure safeguarding is embedded in the school's culture and curriculum, including online safety, mental health, and wellbeing.
- Work with fellow governors to hold senior leaders to account for safeguarding effectiveness and compliance.
- Ensure statutory requirements, such as annual safeguarding policy reviews and staff training, are completed and documented.

Person specification

- Commitment to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all children and young people.
- Ability to question, challenge, and support school leaders constructively.
- Awareness of statutory safeguarding guidance and the school's safeguarding policy.