



Youth Engagement Schools Trust

Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy

Approved by: Board of Trustees

Reviewed by: Executive Leadership Team (August 2023)

Latest Policy review: Autumn 2023

Next Policy review date: Autumn 2024

INTRODUCTION

All academies within the trust have their own specific Safeguarding Policy which is reviewed and updated (when required) annually by the Local Support Board, in order to protect and safeguard their students.

In addition to their own policy, academies in the trust adhere to the following overarching Safeguarding Policies and Procedures:

- All new staff recruited in line with the SCR (Single Central Record) and Vetting Policy.
- All academies have a Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL), and a Deputy DSL who have completed Safeguarding Lead training.
- All new staff receive a site and safeguarding induction during their first week of employment, which includes training on the academy's safeguarding policy and procedures, carried out by the DSL.
- All staff complete annual Safeguarding and Prevent training as a minimum.
- All academies have a named Designated LAC (Looked After Child) Teacher.

Relevant statutory guidance, circulars, legislation & other sources of information

- Section 157 of the Education Act 2002
- Children Acts 1989 and 2004 and related guidance
- Keeping Children Safe in Education September 2023
- The Framework for the Assessment of Children in Need and their Families
- Working Together to Safeguard Children July 2018.
- What to Do If You're Worried a Child is being Abused (2006)
- Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015
- The Prevent Duty – departmental advice for academies and childcare providers (Revised April 2021)
- Children Missing Education (CME)

Academy Safeguarding Policies within the trust are also developed in accordance with the principles established by the Children Acts 1989 and 2004 and related guidance. This includes:

- DfE guidance Keeping Children Safe in Education 2023 (KCSIE)
- Working Together to Safeguard Children 2018 (WTSC)
- Framework for the Assessment of Children in Need and their Families (2000)
- Safeguarding Partnerships in Working Together (2018) and LADO (Local Authority Designated Officer)

Section 175 of the Education Act 2002 requires academy governing bodies, local education authorities and further education institutions to make arrangements to safeguard and promote the welfare of all children who are pupils at an academy, or who are pupils under 18 years of age. Such arrangements will have to have regard to any guidance issued by the Secretary of State.

Key Personnel – At 01/09/2023

YES Trust Safeguarding Lead

Nic Brindle – Chief Executive Officer
Deputy – Helen Phillips, Director of Education

The Axis Academy

Headteacher – Paul Eager
DSL – Lorna Lockhart
Deputy DSL – Steve Jardine

The Fermain Academy

Headteacher – Emma Sandbach
DSL – Emma Sandbach
Deputy DSL – Rachel Ward

Cornerstone Academy

Headteacher – Damien Sweeney
DSL – Damien Sweeney
Deputy DSL – Sophie Neilson
Deputy DSL - Katrina Macey

The Keystone Academy

Headteacher – Ali Bellaby
DSL – Ben Garton
Deputy DSL – TBC