

ANNUAL GOVERNOR SAFEGUARDING REPORT 2020

The school checks that it is compliant with statutory guidance at each termly FGB meeting as Safeguarding is a regular item on the agenda. It is also covered in the Headteacher's report. During the first half of the year before the school had to close because of Covid-19 compliance was covered by governor visits following the Governor monitoring planner. Record keeping is thorough and records now monitored. Areas of improvement within the school are identified by governor monitoring and recorded in the planner. Risk assessments are also monitored. Two governors have been tasked with the Wellbeing of staff and students and are submitting a report to the last FGB of the year.

Policies in Relation to Safeguarding

All policies are displayed on the school website.

- Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy (updated for Covid-19)
- Safeguarding Statement
- Safeguarding Policy – keeping children safe in education
- Anti-bullying policy
- Computing Access and Acceptable User Policy (updated for Covid-19)
- Peer on Peer Abuse – Managing Allegations against other Pupils policy
- Equality and Diversity Policy
- Whistleblowing Policy
- Complaints Procedure
- Video conferencing Policy (to cover Covid-1)

Training

- Health & Safety level 2 – one governor
- Child Protection with Helen Trelease in Feb – staff and governor
- County lines online – all staff
- Covid-19 addendum to Child Protection Policy
- Webinar Child Protection – Headteacher
- Webinar Governance during Covid-19 – Headteacher and Chair
- Safeguarding Responsibilities of the Governing body with Helen Trelease – 2 governors

Curriculum

Curriculum has included Safeguarding through Covid-19 focusing on individual wellbeing and how Lockdown has influenced County lines. Yr5/6 have debated the use of facemasks.

Single Central Record

The school has been inspected for compliance and a report received. During the first half of the year the SRC was checked termly by the Safeguarding governor, who also followed up the points made in the report. For all the items checks have been completed. The results were written up in the governors' monitoring planner. A check was not made during the summer term because of the school closure for the first half of term and the small number of people in school after we opened.

Focus of Governor Visits

- The School Development Plan (see Planner)
- Annual Safeguarding Quality Assurance Section 157/175 Self—Assessment Action Plan
- Health and Safety is discussed termly at FGB meetings and also at meetings of Resources Committee. A Health & Safety walk around the school is conducted every term.
- Online safety and computing monitored through policies and during the autumn and spring terms by governor visits and recorded in the governor monitoring planner.
- Monitoring attendance – governor with specific role for this has been appointed and has worked with the Head to evaluate the incidence of non-attendance.
- Pupil voice is heard and children feel safe – pupil conferencing with governor.

Covid-19

Since Lockdown began the focus of Safeguarding has naturally changed. New policies were introduced as indicated. Because for the first half of the summer term children were homeschooling emphasis shifted to this arena. Contact was maintained with all families to ensure wellbeing with particular attention being paid to the vulnerable and those considered most at risk. The Chair of governors and Vice Chair were informed weekly by the Head of the outcomes. Thus governors were able to monitor the process.

Since the return to school of some reception, year 1 and year 6 children a major focus of the school has been on Safeguarding both at school and of those children working at home. An extraordinary meeting of governors was called to discuss the safeguarding arrangements in school. With some slight tweaking we fully endorsed the plans developed by staff and gave them our full support. The Head continues her weekly information report to the Chair and Vice Chair so that monitoring can take place.

Conclusion

Safeguarding is considered of vital importance by the governors and covered in training, policies, governor visits meetings and the curriculum and records kept.

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