

The role of the Safeguarding Children Governor

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As the governor responsible for safeguarding children, you will play an essential role in ensuring children in education are kept safe from harm. Your job is to ensure the safeguarding agenda is embedded in the ethos of your school.

You are key to ensuring the governing body fulfils its responsibilities in respect of safeguarding children. These responsibilities include ensuring the school:

- has an effective safeguarding children policy in place and follows local procedures
- recruits staff and volunteers in line with safer recruitment processes
- has procedures for dealing with allegations of abuse made against staff and volunteers
- has a designated senior member of staff for dealing with safeguarding children issues
- accesses appropriate safeguarding children training for all staff.



Safeguarding Children - your role

The safeguarding agenda includes a wide range of issues from monitoring pastoral care and antibullying strategies to ensuring children are kept safe from abuse and neglect.

Here are some ways in which you can help your school fulfil its duties:

- keep up to date with national and local guidance (see suggested reading)
- ensure policies and procedures are in place and reviewed regularly
- ensure safeguarding children matters are kept on the agenda at school and governor meetings
- ensure all school policies are child focused and consider any potential safeguarding children issues.



Safeguarding Children Training

All staff should receive basic safeguarding children information at induction and attend formal training every 3 years. Those in school with specific safeguarding children responsibility should attend more comprehensive training.

Reading

The following publications are suggested reading and can be downloaded free at www.everychildmatters.gov.uk

- Working Together to Safeguard Children 2006
- Safeguarding Children and Safer Recruitment in Education 2007
- Every Child Matters 2003