

The Prospect Trust Safeguarding Statement

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V1.1	May 2023	V Scannella	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Date reference removed from KCSiE • Board of Trustees Responsibilities updated to reflect DfE guidance • Named Trustee updated • 'Head' in addition to 'Principal' • Formatting revised in-line with updated policy template • Audit wording changed to reflect the use of an external company to carry out annual safeguarding audits • Responsibilities under 'Training' updated to reflect that HR maintain records while the DSL are responsible for content and delivery • Review date changed to coincide with KCSiE publication and review now annual rather than every 3 years
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About this policy

The Prospect Trust will ensure all policies and procedures in respect of safeguarding children are up to date and in line with [Keeping Children Safe in Education](#).

Board of Trustees Responsibilities

The Board of Trustees for The Prospect Trust has ultimate responsibility for Safeguarding. Operationally, the responsibility is delegated to the Director of Education who leads on policy issues in relation to the safeguarding of children. Within each academy, the Academy Quality Council (AQC) is responsible for overseeing safeguarding and appointing an AQC Safeguarding Lead who reports to the Trustee Safeguarding Lead.

The named Trustee for Safeguarding is: **Maria Dawes**

The Director of Education is: **Vince Scannella**

The Principals/Heads of each Academy are responsible for the implementation of Safeguarding policies and procedures. Operationally this is enacted by a Designated Safeguarding Lead at the forefront of Safeguarding and Child Protection issues for the Academy. Principals/Heads report to their AQCs on Safeguarding matters and are ultimately held accountable, through line management, by the Chief Executive of the Trust.

The Prospect Trust is associated, via each AQC, with the local Safeguarding Children Board of each Local Authority in which it operates. Any issues related to safeguarding children will be discussed at these boards as required.

Monitoring Arrangements

The implementation of each Academy's Safeguarding policy will be monitored by the AQC at each meeting with follow up summary reporting to Trustees at each Board meeting.

Training

All eligible staff and volunteers are required to undertake relevant safeguarding training annually or as appropriate when legislation or guidance changes. The Trust Human Resources Department will maintain a current training database for all staff and volunteers. The Safeguarding Lead of each Academy manages and oversees the content and delivery of training, regularly reviewing the training records.

Audit

The Prospect Trust employs the services of an external safeguarding company to carry out annual safeguarding audits to ensure that safeguarding systems and processes are working. Audits includes: the monitoring of each Academy's Single Central Record; Child Protection Policies and Procedures including: 'Allegations against Professionals' and the monitoring of training for all employees and volunteers, guidance and support. When necessary, The Prospect Trust will take part in relevant audits with partner agencies including those from relevant Local Authorities.