

The Prospect Trust Safeguarding Statement

Approved by The Prospect Trust Board

Effective from February 2020

Due for Revision February 2023

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 2019.

Board of Trustees Responsibilities

The Trustees delegate the governance of safeguarding to each Academy Quality Council who appoint a lead Councillor for safeguarding and are responsible for overseeing Safeguarding at an individual academy level.

The effectiveness of the AQC's is monitored and reported upon at Board level by a named Trustee and a nominated member of the Trust Executive.

The named Trustee for Safeguarding is: Peter Eyre

The named member of the Trust Executive is: Vince Scannella

The Principals 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 report to their AQC's 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 Safeguarding Lead of each academy will maintain a current training database for all staff and volunteers.

Audit

The Prospect Trust has robust audit checklists to ensure that safeguarding systems and processes are working. The audit includes: the monitoring of each Academy's Single Central Record; Child Protection & Adults at Risk Policies and Procedures including: 'Allegations against Professionals' and the monitoring of training for all employees and volunteers, guidance and support. The Prospect Trust audit will be undertaken in December for reporting in January. When necessary, the Prospect Trust will take part in relevant audits with partner agencies including those from relevant Local Authorities.