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Safeguarding responsibilities

> Schools and their governing boards have a responsibility to safeguard and promote the welfare of children. This responsibility is outlined in statutory safeguarding guidance, Keeping Children Safe in Education (KCSIE).

Duties

> Your governing board must comply with its duties outlined in detail in part 2 of KCSIE, and make sure that policies and procedures in your school are effective and comply with the law at all times.

> These duties include:

- Making sure that all staff read at least part 1 of KCSIE

- Making sure that all staff receive regularly updated and appropriate child protection training

- Having policies and procedures in place that support safeguarding, including child protection, pupil behaviour and staff behaviour policies

- Making sure that pupils have the opportunity to be taught about safeguarding, including online safety

- Making sure that an appropriate member of staff is appointed as the designated safeguarding lead (DSL)

- Preventing people who pose a risk of harm from working with children by following safer recruitment procedures

Responsibilities of the safeguarding governor

> Your governing board must also appoint a senior board level (or equivalent) lead to take leadership responsibility for your school's/trust's safeguarding arrangements.

> Responsibilities of your senior board level lead include:

- Keeping up to date with statutory guidance and any advice issued by your safeguarding partners/local safeguarding children board

- Making sure you have suitable and up-to-date policies for child protection, staff behaviour/code of conduct, and handling allegations against staff and volunteers

- Supporting the board to develop its understanding of their safeguarding responsibilities, and report back to the board about safeguarding issues and development

- Meeting regularly with the DSL to monitor policies and procedures, and check that all staff, governors and volunteers have had the appropriate level of training

- Monitoring the single central record with the DSL to make sure your school carries out appropriate recruitment checks.