

Southern Academy Trust Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy – 2019/20

Introduction

Southern Academy Trust recognises that the welfare of the child is paramount and the needs and wishes of each child will be put first. Across all schools, offices and sites, we take seriously our duty to safeguard and promote the welfare of the children and young people in our care. The CEO of Southern Academy Trust takes overall leadership responsibility for safeguarding arrangements in each of the schools within the Trust.

Each of the schools within Southern Academy Trust has a Designated Safeguarding Lead and Deputy Safeguarding Lead. During term time and during the school day, one or both are contactable regarding safeguarding concerns. Each school will complete the local authority audit each year and submit a report to the governing body and will liaise with local agencies to safeguard children in their schools. Shaftesbury School includes the boarding programme based at Barton Hill House.

All staff are encouraged to maintain a view that “it could happen here” and receive training in accordance with appropriate guidance.

Each school within Southern Academy Trust have their own safeguarding and child protection policy in accordance with statutory guidance. This will reflect the current statutory guidance in Keeping Children Safe in Education (2019) including Part 1, and Working Together to Safeguard Children.¹ Individual policies are available on each school’s website and will list the names of the DSLs and DDSLs at each site.

The Designated Safeguarding Leads at each school are:

Shaftesbury School: Mr Steven Crossley

Shaftesbury Primary School: Mr Paul Lavis

St. Andrew’s, Fontmell Primary School: Mr John Croker

Motcombe Primary School: Mr Matt Barge

The Governors with lead responsibility for safeguarding are:

Shaftesbury School: Mrs Isabel Ault

Shaftesbury Primary School: Ms Sarah Kirton

St. Andrew’s, Fontmell Primary School: Ms Joanna Poole

Motcombe Primary School: Ms Sara Clune

Useful contacts

CHaD/MASH (for referrals) - 01202 228866

Out of Hours Service – 01202 657279

Dorset Safeguarding and Standards Team - 01305 221122

Dorset Virtual School for Children in Care - 01305 228350

Dorset Governor Services - 01305 224382

LADO – 01305 221122

You must always dial 999 if you believe a child is at immediate risk or significant harm

¹ <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/keeping-children-safe-in-education--2>
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