

Chancery Multi Academy Trust



*To deliver an outstanding learning experience for all children so they flourish and thrive;
enabling them to achieve their own individual excellence.*

CHILD PROTECTION AND SAFEGUARDING STATEMENT

The Child Protection and Safeguarding Statement in respect of Chancery Multi Academy Trust has been discussed and adopted by the Directors Board

Chair of Board:

Ros Caulfield

Responsible Officer:

CEO - Louise Gohr

Agreed and ratified by the Directors Board on:

2nd December 2020

Review Date:

December 2021

1. INTRODUCTION

Chancery Multi Academy Trust (CMAT)'s first priority is the responsibility to safeguard and promote the welfare of all our pupils. As a Trust that will potentially work across a number of local authorities (LAs), we recognise that the key statutory duties for safeguarding are held at a local level through Safeguarding Partnership arrangements.

It is therefore appropriate that policies in respect of safeguarding and child protection are led at a local level. It is the responsibility of each school to personalise and implement such policy. Each individual school is responsible for ensuring compliance with its local Safeguarding Partnership arrangements, procedures and policies and for publishing its own safeguarding and child protection policy in accordance with statutory requirements.

2. IMPLEMENTATION

The Trust will ensure that all CMAT schools:

- Have a Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) who has overall accountability for safeguarding in their school.
- Have suitable arrangements to ensure that a deputy DSL is available to cover for the absence of the nominated DSL.
- Have a named governor for Safeguarding.
- That both DSL and deputy DSL receive training that at least matches statutory requirements of the role.
- Ensure that all staff and governors receive regular training on best practice in Safeguarding and that this training reflects the latest requirements of the government's 'Keeping Children Safe in Education' guidance.
- Have in place safeguarding arrangements which are designed to take account of all possible safeguarding issues including Child Sexual Exploitation, FGM (Female Genital Mutilation) and Preventing Radicalisation.
- Adhere to safer recruitment practices and that at least one member of any recruitment panel organised by the school has completed Safer Recruitment training.
- Maintain high-quality, accurate and secure records of any safeguarding concerns and incidents, taking account of all relevant Data Protection requirements.
- Have arrangements for working together with other agencies and for sharing information with other professionals.
- Take account of their local authority's procedures and practices established by the Local Safeguarding Children's Board (LCSB) and its successor Safeguarding Partnership, and comply with any requests from local safeguarding partners.

- Have in place effective policies covering Safeguarding & Child Protection, including whistleblowing.
- Develop a culture of listening to children and take account of their wishes and feelings.
- Teach children the skills they need to help safeguard themselves, including online safety through teaching and learning opportunities as part of a broad and balanced curriculum.
- Fulfil all their statutory responsibilities in respect of safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children

The Trust will:

- Ensure that members of the Central Team and Board members receive regular safeguarding updates and undertake safeguarding training to keep them up-to-date with best practice and statutory requirements.
- Monitor the effectiveness of schools' safeguarding arrangements as part of the standard programme of regular school improvement, compliance checking and health & safety visits.

3. POLICY REVIEW

This statement was updated and agreed by the CMAT Board in December 2020. In line with recommended best practice, it will be reviewed again in December 2021.