

MODEL SAFEGUARDING POLICY FOR SCHOOLS AND EDUCATION SERVICES

Codicil Insert RECENT CHANGES TO THIS POLICY

This policy was reviewed and ratified by the Governing Body on [date]

The following persons are authorised to approve minor changes between reviews:

Chair of Governors [name].....

Safeguarding Lead Governor [name].....

Since ratification by the Governing Body the following changes have been made –

Date of Change: September 2015		
19.1 – 19.5	None	<p>Private Fostering</p> <p>19.1 Many people find themselves looking after someone else’s child without realising that they may be involved in private fostering. A private fostering arrangement is one that is made privately (that is to say without the involvement of a local authority) for the care of a child under the age of 16 (under 18, if disabled) by someone other than a parent or immediate relative. If the arrangement is to last, or has lasted, for 28 days or more it is private fostering.</p> <p>19.2 The Children Act 1989 defines a relative as a grandparent, brother, sister, uncle or aunt (whether of full blood or half blood or by marriage or civil partnership), or a step parent.</p> <p>19.3 People become involved in private fostering for all kinds of reasons. Examples of private fostering include –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children who need alternative care because of parental illness; • Children whose parents cannot care for them because their work or study involves long or antisocial hours; • Children sent from abroad to stay with another family, usually to improve their educational opportunities; • Unaccompanied asylum seeking and refugee children;

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teenagers who stay with friends (or other non-relatives) because they have fallen out with their parents; • Children staying with families while attending a school away from their home area. <p>19.5 There is a mandatory duty on the carer, the parents, and anyone else involved in making the arrangement, to inform the local authority of a private fostering. The local authority has a duty to check that the young person is being properly cared for and that the arrangement is satisfactory.</p>
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Date of Change: November 2015		
Paragraph Number	Previous Wording	New Wording
Introduction	None	This model policy will be reviewed regularly and may be revised and updated. For this reason we suggest that Governing Bodies review and formally approve their policy annually, and authorise appropriate persons (for example the Chair of the Governing Body and the Safeguarding Lead Governor) to accept updates in matters of detail between reviews, and to inform staff of these changes. The details of these changes should be listed in the codicil insert.
17.3	If the concern relates to the Head Teacher/Principal, it must be reported immediately to the Local Authority Designated Officer Team in children's social care, who will liaise with the Chair of Governors and they will decide on any action required.	If the concern relates to the Head Teacher/Principal, it must be reported immediately to the Chair of the Governing Body, who will liaise with the Local Authority Designated Officer Team in children's social care and they will decide on any action required.

Please now read the policy with this amended wording in place