

MODEL SAFEGUARDING POLICY FOR SCHOOLS

Summary of Changes August 2015

These changes take into account the requirements of Keeping Children Safe in Education, July 2015

- Paragraph 1.3 refers to “the most recent issue” of *Working Together* and *Keeping Children Safe in Education* rather than stating a particular issue date.
- Paragraphs 5.2 and 8.3 give general descriptions of training, rather than identifying specific courses.
- New material has been added to Chapter 10 - Safeguarding Pupils/Students who are at Risk of Radicalisation.
- New paragraphs 11.8 – 9 have been added. These describe the mandatory reporting of female genital mutilation.
- New Chapter 12 – Children Missing from Education
- In Chapter 17, references to the Local Authority Designated Officer have been changed to refer to the LADO Team.

Further changes September 2015

Paragraphs 19.1 – 19.5 are new. They deal with private fostering. Thank you to Parkfield Community School for suggesting this.

We have mended a broken link on page 20 – Children Missing from Care, Home and Education

Further Changes November 2015

It came to light in an Ofsted inspection that there is an inconsistency between two paragraphs that deal with allegations about a member of staff where the allegation relates to the Head Teacher/Principal.

Paragraph 17.3 has been amended to state that in this situation the allegation must be reported immediately to the Chair of the Governing Body, who will liaise with the LADO Team about the action to be taken.

The number of changes in recent months has caused problems in some schools. Consequently we have added a suggestion for dealing with this situation - see the second paragraph on page 2. The suggestion is that a school's safeguarding policy should be formally reviewed and approved annually, and that appropriate persons should be authorised to agree to minor updates between reviews. A codicil recording these changes is also available on the Board's website.