

INSPIRING PRIMARIES ACADEMY TRUST
Safeguarding Statement

Reviewed by ELT: 31st October 2024

The Board of Trustees reviewed and adopted this statement on: 13 January 2025

To be reviewed (Annually): Spring 2026 or earlier if required

This safeguarding statement, correct at the time of publication applies to Inspiring Primaries Academy Trust which is the following schools:

- All Saints CE Primary School, Sapcote
- Claybrooke Primary School
- Dunton Bassett Primary School
- Gilmorton Chandler CE Primary School
- John Wycliffe Primary School
- Sharnford CE Primary School
- St Margaret's CE Primary School, Stoke Golding
- St Mary's CE Primary School, Bitteswell
- Ullesthorpe CE Primary School

Named staff and contacts

- Designated Safeguarding Leads for Inspiring Primaries Academy Trust:
Lee Evans (Executive Lead for Safeguarding) and Graham Read JP (Chair of Trustees).
- School Designated Safeguarding Lead/s: Each school within Inspiring Primaries Academy Trust has a DSL and Deputy SLs. These are named and displayed in each school.
- Prevent Single Point of Contact (SPOC) for Inspiring Primaries Academy Trust:
Lee Evans (Executive Lead for Safeguarding). Within each school, the Executive Principal, Headteacher or Head of School is the named SPOC.
- Designated Teacher for Children in Care:
Allocated by each school – typically, but not exclusively, the Executive Principal / Headteacher / Head of School, Deputy/Assistant Headteacher or SENDCo.
- Nominated Safeguarding Governor: Allocated by each school – typically the Chair of the LGB.

LA Safeguarding Children in Education Officer	Charlotte Davis	0116 3057750 Charlotte.davis@leics.gov.uk
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LA Child Protection Contact/LADO	CFS-LADO@leics.gov.uk LADO service is available office hours only: Monday-Thursday, 8.30am - 5.00 pm and Friday, 8.30am - 4.30pm	Allegations Line: 0116 3054141 CFS-LADO@leics.gov.uk emails for referral forms. Outside of office hours, contact the Leicestershire First Response Children's Duty Team: 0116 305 0005
First Response	For urgent concerns about a child who needs a social worker or police officer today	0116 305 0005
Police (to report a crime and immediate risk of harm or abuse to child)	101	In an emergency 999 (only)
NSPCC help/whistleblowing line	line is available 8.00am to 8.00pm Monday to Friday	0800 028 0285- email: help@nspcc.org.uk

Safeguarding Statement: (each school has its own safeguarding and low level concerns policies)

- The welfare of the child is paramount.
- All children irrespective of their age, cultural background, disability, gender, language, racial origins, religious beliefs, sexual orientation have the right to be protected from abuse.
- All teachers, including headteachers, will safeguard children's well-being and maintain public trust in the teaching profession as part of their professional duties (Teacher Standards updated 2013).
- All suspicions and allegations of abuse will be taken seriously and responded to without delay.
- Senior Leaders will take responsibility for ensuring that such concerns are dealt with and responded to in line with the Trust / school policy and procedures.
- All staff, including temporary or agency staff as well as visitors to our schools will subscribe to this statement and the relevant school's policy and procedures and will report any concerns accordingly.
- All staff will recognise that often their duty of care might go beyond just the presenting concern as it may highlight relevant and connecting issues in and for the rest of the family.

In order to fulfil these requirements, each school will:

- Work to prevent or eliminate, as far as is possible, incidents of, or threats from, any form of abuse.
- Ensure it has all policies and procedures in place that are up-to-date and relevant for the safety of all and to ensure all concerns are progressed speedily and efficiently, even at an early preventative stage.
- Ensure all concerns are recorded on Smoothwall Safeguard.
- Ensure that there is absolute certainty about the named people responsible for safeguarding and this information is known to all.
- Have in place reviewing and auditing mechanisms to ensure that all staff, volunteers and other appropriate people are fulfilling their responsibilities and that current systems are effective.

- Offer assurances and undertakings to children and their parents/carers of the care their children will get and the framework for dealing with the prevention of harm and abuse.
- Ensure that it has in place appropriate training programmes to maintain staff awareness of their responsibilities in relation to child and adult protection.
- Ensure that it complies with all relevant national and local changes in legislation, guidance and protocols; and completes and submits the Trust annual safeguarding audit to the Trust Leader.

The Inspiring Primaries Academy Trust Central Team will:

- Ensure that all policies and procedures are reviewed and updated in line with national and local requirements and appropriate changes are disseminated to all its schools.
- Ensure that there are systems in place to support the effective management of safeguarding, especially the role of DSLs, training for all staff and supervision as appropriate.
- Ensure that there is available to school leaders someone who can offer appropriate external advice and support with safeguarding concerns, especially when they are complex and/or relate to allegations against adults working within the Trust.
- Ensure quality assurance processes are in place and oversee the information they produce to measure the progress and effectiveness of existing safeguarding frameworks.

All schools should keep a central record of safeguarding training.