

10 things you should know about Safeguarding in Schools



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The government's definition of safeguarding in the statutory guidance Keeping Children Safe in Education (2018) is:

- protecting children from maltreatment
- preventing impairment of children's health or development
- ensuring that children grow up in circumstances consistent with the provision of safe and effective care





taking action to enable all children to have the best outcomes

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Reading Part One of DfE statutory guidance [Keeping Children Safe in Education](#) is a statutory requirement for **all** school staff and it is essential that you keep a record that this is done every year. The full document will keep your knowledge up to date.

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You should be familiar with your school's safeguarding policy and all of the accompanying procedures.

4	<p>Ensure you are clear about your school's procedures for referrals if you have concerns about a child:</p> <p>Record ⇒ report ⇒ respond</p>
5	<p>If you have any safeguarding concerns you must report them to the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) who will advise you on the appropriate course of action.</p> <p>You should ask your DSL for a progress update to ensure your concerns have been actioned.</p>
6	<p>All of the local authority advice for dealing with safeguarding is provided by the Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB) and a range of resources can be found on their webpages at this link.</p>
7	<p>All referrals to Children's Services should be made to OneCall:</p> <p>01670 536400</p>
8	<p>DSLs should receive annual training. In Northumberland we recommend that they attend a ½ refresher session every two years and attend contextual safeguarding training on the alternate year (ie training which is relevant to their school or local context).</p> <p>All staff should receive an annual update and safeguarding must be part of any induction package.</p>
9	<p>If you have any concerns about the behaviour of an adult in school you must contact the Designated Officer (DO).</p> <p>His name is Adam Hall and you can call him on 01670 623979.</p>
10	<p>For support with practices for safeguarding children in your school above the statutory minimum required, there is a Schools' Safeguarding service level agreement which all schools can buy into through the Education & Skills portal.</p>
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	<p><u>Schools' Safeguarding in the Virtual School</u></p>