



**Inspiring Primaries
Academy Trust**

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Safeguarding Statement

Reviewed by ELT: 6th February 2026

Staff Amendments: 20th August 2026

The Board of Trustees reviewed and adopted this policy on: February 2026

To be reviewed (One year cycle): Autumn 2026 or earlier if required

Statutory Context

This safeguarding statement is informed by, and has regard to, the most recent versions of:

- **Keeping Children Safe in Education (DfE)**
- **Working Together to Safeguard Children**
- Relevant local safeguarding arrangements and protocols

It applies to all schools within Inspiring Primaries Academy Trust and should be read alongside each school's **Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy, Low-Level Concerns Policy**, and other relevant Trust policies.

Schools within Inspiring Primaries Academy Trust

This safeguarding statement applies to 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

Trust Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSLs):

Adam Watson – Executive Lead for Safeguarding

Jane Robson – Chair of Trustees

School Designated Safeguarding Leads:

Each school within Inspiring Primaries Academy Trust has a Designated

Safeguarding Lead and Deputy DSLs. These are named and clearly displayed within each school.

Prevent Single Point of Contact (SPOC):

Adam Watson – Executive Lead for Safeguarding

Within each school, the Head of School is the named SPOC.

Designated Teacher for Children in Care:

Allocated by each school – typically (but not exclusively) the Head of School.

Deputy/Assistant Headteacher or SENDCo.

Nominated Safeguarding Governor:

Allocated by each school.

Local Authority Contacts

LA Safeguarding Children in Education Officer

Charlotte Davis

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Email: Charlotte.Davis@leics.gov.uk

Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO)

Email: CFS-LADO@leics.gov.uk

Allegations Line: 0116 305 4141

LADO service hours:

Monday–Thursday: 8.30am–5.00pm

Friday: 8.30am–4.30pm

Out of hours:

Leicestershire First Response Children's Duty Team

Tel: 0116 305 0005

Police:

Non-emergency: 101

Emergency: 999

NSPCC Whistleblowing / Advice Line:

Tel: 0800 028 0285

Email: help@nspcc.org.uk

Available Monday–Friday, 8.00am–8.00pm

Safeguarding Statement

Each school within Inspiring Primaries Academy Trust has its own Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy and Low-Level Concerns Policy. This statement sets out the Trust-wide safeguarding principles and expectations that underpin those policies.

Core Principles

- The welfare of the child is paramount.
- All children, regardless of age, disability, gender reassignment, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation, cultural background or language, have the right to be protected from abuse and neglect.
- All staff, including teachers, leaders and governors, have a professional duty to safeguard children and maintain public trust, in line with the Teachers' Standards.
- All concerns about children or about adults working with children will be taken seriously and responded to without delay.
- Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility and extends beyond a single presenting concern to include wider family and contextual factors.

The Trust promotes a safeguarding culture in which **professional curiosity**, respectful challenge and reflective practice are expected. Staff are encouraged and supported to speak up where something does not feel right, without fear of reprisal.

Designated Safeguarding Leads

Designated Safeguarding Leads operate with appropriate seniority and authority. They have the time, capacity and resources to fulfil their role effectively, including:

- making referrals to children's social care and other agencies
- liaising with external professionals
- supporting staff
- overseeing recording, reporting and safeguarding practice

DSLs are supported through Trust-level safeguarding oversight and quality assurance.

Allegations and Concerns About Adults

The Trust recognises the distinction between:

- **low-level concerns** about adults working with children, and
- **allegations** that meet the harm threshold and require LADO involvement.

Concerns about adults are managed in line with statutory guidance. The LADO will be consulted where required, and no internal investigation will take place where this could compromise external enquiries.

Trust-wide Expectations for Schools

In order to fulfil safeguarding responsibilities, each school will:

- work to prevent or reduce the risk of abuse and harm wherever possible
- maintain up-to-date safeguarding and related policies aligned with national and local guidance
- ensure all safeguarding concerns are recorded promptly on the **Trust-approved safeguarding recording system**
- ensure absolute clarity about named safeguarding roles and that this information is known to all staff
- provide appropriate safeguarding training for staff, volunteers and governors, including regular updates
- ensure staff understand their responsibilities regarding online safety, filtering and monitoring

- ensure heightened vigilance for children with additional vulnerabilities, including pupils with SEND, mental health needs, children in care and previously looked after children
- offer assurance to children and parents/carers about the care provided and the framework for safeguarding
- participate in Trust safeguarding audits and submit required safeguarding assurance returns

Trust Central Team Responsibilities

The Inspiring Primaries Academy Trust Central Team will:

- review and update safeguarding-related policies and procedures in line with national and local changes
- ensure changes are disseminated clearly to all schools
- maintain systems to support DSLs, including access to advice, supervision and external safeguarding expertise
- ensure appropriate support is available for complex cases or allegations against adults
- oversee Trust-wide safeguarding quality assurance and review the effectiveness of safeguarding frameworks

Governance and Oversight

The Board of Trustees provides strategic oversight of safeguarding across the Trust. Trustees receive regular safeguarding assurance, including information on:

- compliance with statutory requirements
- themes, risks and patterns
- safeguarding effectiveness across schools

Trustees provide challenge and support to ensure safeguarding arrangements remain robust, effective and compliant.

Training Records

All schools must maintain a central record of safeguarding training, including induction, updates and specialist training where required.

This safeguarding statement will be reviewed annually or earlier where changes in legislation, statutory guidance or Trust arrangements require.