

# Trust Policy Statement on Safeguarding and Child Protection

### Introduction

The ACT Multi Academy Trust recognises its responsibility for safeguarding and child protection. Each school within the ACT Trust has its own Safeguarding policy. This statement outlines the requirements for schools and for colleagues employed to work across the Trust. It also outlines the role of Local Authority and the Cambridgeshire Safeguarding Children Board.

#### **Individual School Policies**

It is a requirement that all schools in the ACT Trust complete and adopt the model Acer Trust Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy, which is drawn up from the model issued by the Local Authority and the Cambridgeshire Safeguarding Children Board. This model ACT Trust policy will be reviewed annually and distributed to all schools, who will complete it to create the school Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy.

#### Colleagues employed to work across the Trust

Colleagues employed across the Trust are based in different schools across the Trust. These colleagues should follow the Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy for the school where they are based, and if they work in more than one school are aware of the differences in implementation of the individual school policies. Awareness of this policy will be covered during induction.

#### The Role of the Local Authority and Cambridgeshire Safeguarding Children Board

ACT schools/Academies are still accountable to the Local Authority in relation to safeguarding. The Local Authority and the Cambridgeshire Safeguarding Children Board update the model safeguarding and child protection policy every September, and this will be used as the basis for the school's policies.

#### **Designated Safeguarding Leads in the Trust**

A current list of Designated Safeguarding Leads for the Trust is held by the Trust Administrator. If these roles change, it is the responsibility of the Headteacher at each Trust School/Academy to inform the Trust Administrator so that the list may remain up-to-date.

## Contacts

Please refer to school policies which state who and how to contact key individuals in the schools concerning safeguarding and child protection matters. Should you wish to contact the Trust directly about a safeguarding or child protection matter please contact the Trust Administrator.

#### Monitoring of Safeguarding across the Trust

Monitoring of safeguarding within each school is the responsibility of the Governing Body through the Safeguarding Governor. The Trust Standards Committee will report annually to the Trust Board following the completion of Annual Safeguarding Reports in each school

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