



# **Safeguarding and Child Protection Statement**

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## **Introduction**

Each school within the River Learning Trust has its own Safeguarding policy. This statement outlines the requirements for schools and for the Trust central team. It also outlines the role of Local Authority and the Local Safeguarding Children Board.

## **Individual School Policies**

It is a requirement that all schools in the River Learning Trust have their own Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy. A model policy is drawn up by Local Authority and the Local Safeguarding Children Board. This model policy must be adopted by schools and reviewed annually.

## **The Trust Central Team**

Members of the River Learning Trust central team are based in different schools across the Trust. Team members 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.

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

River Learning Trust schools are still accountable to the Local Authority. The Local Authority and the Local 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 Central Team. If these roles change, it is the responsibility of the Headteacher at each Trust School to inform the person responsible for the statement 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 Chief Executive at the Trust Central Office: email [office@riverlearningtrust.org](mailto:office@riverlearningtrust.org) or telephone 01865 558727