



SAFEGUARDING AND CHILD PROTECTION POLICY STATEMENT

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This policy statement should be read in conjunction with the local Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy of each member Academy. The responsibility of implementation of the local Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy at each Academy lies with the Local Governing Body and Headteacher / Principal as set out within the Governance Handbook and scheme of delegation.

The Accord Multi Academy Trust (the Accord MAT) is committed to ensuring the actions we take to keep children safe and protect them from harm in all aspects of their school life. The Accord MAT is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all our students/pupils. The actions that we take to prevent harm, to promote well-being, to create safe environments, to respond to specific issues and vulnerabilities all form part of the safeguarding responsibilities of the MAT. We recognise our moral and statutory responsibility and make every effort to provide a safe environment underpinned by a culture of openness where both children and adults feel secure, able to talk, and believe that they are being listened to.



The key principles of this statement are as follows:

- Member Academy policies, available on individual Academy websites, have been developed to ensure compliance with Section 175 of the Education Act 2002, Section 11 of the Children's Act 2004, Working Together to Safeguard Children 2015 and Keeping Children Safe in Education 2016.
- All member Academies follow the Wakefield Safeguarding Children Board's interagency policies and procedures.
- All member Academies complete the Wakefield Safeguarding Children's Board annual Safeguarding Audit and this is made available to local governing bodies and the Accord MAT.
- Each member Academy's local governing body is responsible for the implementation of the Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy for the Academy. This is integral to the Headteacher / Principal report which is tabled at every full local governing body meeting.
- Each local governing body has a designated Safeguarding governor who reports and provides feedback at local governing body meetings.
- The designated Safeguarding governor meets regularly with the school's Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) to ensure compliance.
- The DSL must complete the annual Safeguarding Training and Induction return for the Local Safeguarding Children Board. This ensures that all staff are fully trained and up to date with policies and procedures.
- Academies will robustly follow the escalation policy if they have concerns about the management of a case by Children and Social Care. This policy works in conjunction with other relevant policies all which safeguard the interests and welfare of children e.g. safer recruitment, anti-bullying, whistle blowing, health

and safety, special education needs and disabilities and the single equality scheme. Policies are reviewed annually or updated if national guidance requires it during the course of the year.

In order to implement this policy successfully each and every employee must take an active role to support this policy statement and to co-operate fully and support the **Accord MAT** in its efforts to keep children safe.

The effectiveness of this policy statement and arrangements will be reviewed annually.

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Signature: Chair of Board of Directors :	 B Kelly
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