

Inspecting Safeguarding: Questions from Ofsted in 2023-24

1) Concerns

- a) How do you ensure you know about the local issues in your community?
- b) What have been the school's main areas of concern?
- c) Talk me through a child protection case (picked a case at random). What do you know about the child? What did you do to help them?
- d) Enquired about a family on CP/CIN plan, and how the school have been involved, supporting the child and to evidence through record keeping.
- e) How many vulnerable pupils do you have - where are they tracked?
- f) What do you do day to day to safeguard your vulnerable students?
- g) How is impact measured in Team Around the Child meetings?
- h) Explored data around harmful sexual behaviour and child on child abuse and wanted to test by talking to pupils what the culture was like and whether there really was a zero tolerance approach.
- i) Explored attendance data and how the school are ensuring the safeguarding of children who are missing education
- j) How many children are Looked After? How do you safeguard these pupils?
- k) How have you accounted for your local CTLP and local threats within your Prevent risk assessment? How does this influence your teaching and learning?

2) Records and Reports

- a) What is your reporting system ?
- b) Who can see what's on your recording system?
- c) How does your recording system help students?
- d) Are you confident that nothing would be missed?
- e) Asked to see this week's concerns on the recording system.
- f) Asked to see one that had resulted in a referral.
- g) How do you triage all of the reports made? Who is responsible for this? How can you be sure no one has fallen through the gaps? Show me how you know.

3) DSL

- a) What does your DSL team structure look like and why?
- b) How do you work with trust?
- c) What training have you had? Where is the evidence of this?
- d) What happens if the DSL is absent?

e) Who attends CIN/CP meetings?

4) **Multi-agency working**

- a) What are your relationships like with children's services and what are their responses like?
- b) Where do you get support from?
- c) Show me a case from where you have pushed back to the local authority

5) **Training**

- a) How do you train your staff on safeguarding?
- b) What about new staff? (Cross referenced with SCR)
- c) Who attends safer recruitment training? Where is this evidenced?
- d) What safeguarding training have your Governors attended? Where is this evidenced?
- e) Do you think logging if staff have completed a quiz is enough to show safeguarding knowledge?

6) **Asking Pupils**

- a) Who is the DSL?
- b) Who can you talk to if you feel unsafe?
- c) How do you keep safe online?
- d) What do you understand about British Values?
- e) Who can you talk to if the DSL is not available?