



Safeguarding

Leicester Diocesan Board of Education (LDBE) aspires for the lives of children and young people to be transformed through their experiences of a Church School education. Children should leave a Church school with confidence and a strong sense of self-worth.

Safeguarding is taken very seriously by LDBE. The Church of England's Safeguarding policy has been adopted by LDBE. All trustees of LDBE complete school or church-based safeguarding training.

All diocesan schools are expected to maintain the highest standards in safeguarding policy and practice. All diocesan schools regardless of their status (VC, VA, Academy) come under the statutory oversight of their Local Authority (LA). LAs maintain statutory responsibility for ensuring the protection of the children within their area.

Where there is concern over a child protection matter or when a 'disclosure' has been made diocesan schools must follow relevant policies and procedures and contact their Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO), Social Services and the Police as necessary. In some cases, the diocesan safeguarding officer, and the Diocesan Director of Education may also be contacted.

All schools have to appoint a designated safeguarding lead officer who has to undergo updated child protection training every 2 years.

All schools must maintain a Single Central Record of staff, volunteers, governors and trustees/directors (for academies).

LDBE ensures that all Members of academy trusts appointed by LDBE or the Diocese of Leicester Educational Trust (DLET) have the appropriate safeguarding checks. Records of these checks are logged by LDBE and can be made available to Ofsted upon request.

All schools must implement Safer Recruitment procedures as set out in the latest guidance: Keeping Children Safe in Education: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/keeping-children-safe-in-education--2>

Approving and reviewing

This policy was approved by the board in May 2023 and will be reviewed in 2025.