

## **Winton Primary School: External Safeguarding Audit Review 16<sup>th</sup> March 2016**

### **Audit Carried Out by..**

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### **Summary Evaluation of Safeguarding at Winton Primary School**

The safeguarding audit, action plan and review were rigorous in all areas and concluded that there are effective safeguarding and child protection procedures in place to help all children and staff to be safe. The headteacher is very active and keen to ensure that statutory requirements for safeguarding and child protection are being complied with. Robust organisation of child protection files and a good understanding of safeguarding and the value of self-evaluation was demonstrated.

Overall I was impressed with how the school prioritises safeguarding through reflection, consistency and robust safeguarding policies and practice in order to ensure robust arrangements to safeguarding and promote children's welfare.

The school is clear on its Prevent Duty, all staff have undertaken specific training this term, but had already covered the topic in the whole schools safeguarding training in January 2016.

***The school's excellent safeguarding procedures are fully embedded and ensure a safe learning environment where children's well-being and voice are a crucial element in safeguarding and promoting their welfare.***

## **Review of key development areas from previous Audit (November 2015)**

The safeguarding audit action plan was formulated following an audit of safeguarding processes at the school on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2015.

The recommendations and actions have been addressed as follows:

1. **Group 5 training:** The Headteacher and Assistant Headteacher attended Group 5 Designated Safeguarding Lead training on the 15<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> January 2016. Recently Group 5 training has been changed to a multi-agency format and the designated safeguarding leads will need to attend as soon as possible; previous to this change it was still a requirement that all designated safeguarding leads attend some multi agency training.

**Update:** The Headteacher and Assistant Headteacher attended Group Designated Safeguarding Lead training on the 15<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> January 2016. This should be refreshed annually by attendance at one of the regularly delivered half day refreshers.

2. **School safeguarding policies:** School policies linked to safeguarding are available but should be dated, including signing off by the governing body and the review date.

**Update:** This is now expected. These are now signed off by the governing body and indicate that they have been reviewed and the review date has been added.

3. **Escalation procedure:** The Local Authority Escalation policy should be communicated to staff and used where there is disagreement regarding decisions made about safeguarding children.

**Update:** Group 2 safeguarding training was delivered by the Safeguarding in Education Training & Development Officer on the 13<sup>th</sup> January 2016. The headteacher planned a further follow-up with a reminder during a safeguarding staff meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2016 (as part of a safeguarding assessment 'quiz')

4. **Safeguarding Leaflet:** The Safeguarding Leaflet to be updated to reflect designated safeguarding lead arrangements.

**Update:** This has been done and the leaflet is to be reviewed termly to ensure all information is fully up to date and in line with statutory guidance.

5. As many families do not speak English as a first language, the headteacher to provide a summary translation of the safeguarding policy to Somali and Bengali families.

**Update:** The headteacher has planned and budgeted for this from the financial year 2016-17; translated leaflets will be available from Summer Term 2016.

6. **Keeping Children Safe in Education guidance:** All staff to be made aware that anyone can make a referral and to follow it up in writing on an eCAF.

**Update:**

**Update:** This item was incorporated into the group 2 training delivered by the Safeguarding in Education Training and Development Officer on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2016. The headteacher also planned to follow up during a staff safeguarding meeting planned for 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2016 (as part of safeguarding assessment 'quiz')

7. **Quality of referrals:** The designated safeguarding lead should undertake regular checks of school record keeping to ensure these are comprehensive, accurate and appropriate.

**Update:** A formal termly check of files is now undertaken by the headteacher.

8. **Prejudice Motivated Toolkit:** To contact Heather Vacciana to discuss the use of the Toolkit and training.

**Update:** The headteacher states that school's own practice now gives due regard to and adopts the advice within the Toolkit. The toolkit was scheduled for discussion by the senior leadership team in February 2016. Heather Vacciana, Anti-Bullying Coordinator to is planned to deliver whole school staff training to further raise awareness in the autumn term 2016.

9. **Prevent Duty:** All staff to complete the Channel awareness e-course in Spring 2016.

**Update:** The Prevent duty was covered as part of whole school safeguarding training on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2016. The Channel awareness e-learning course was scheduled for all staff to complete on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2016.