Derby Diocesan Board of Education

Safeguarding

Derby Diocesan Board of Education (DBE) 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 belonging.

Safeguarding is taken very seriously by Derby DBE. The Church of England's Safeguarding policy has been adopted by Derby DBE. All trustees of Derby DBE 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 must 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 (SCR) of staff, volunteers, governors, and trustees/directors (for academies).

Derby DBE ensures that all members of academy trusts appointed by Derby DBE have the appropriate safeguarding checks. Records of these checks are logged by Derby DBE 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.

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