

Safeguarding Link Trustee Meeting with DSL

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DATE OF MEETING: 06.11.2024	
AGENDA ITEM	NOTES
Recent incidents <i>(including number and severity) and how the school followed its procedures</i>	<p>Numbers etc will be shared at upcoming Student and staff matters meeting. Any concern is logged on MyConcern. This is the safeguarding log and all staff have training and access to this so can be updated by any member of staff. Every concern is a new incident so as to ensure appropriate reporting statistics. Paper forms are available for temporary staff members. Currently no social care involvement School nurse involved in a few incidents. CAMHS referrals in place for some pupils Appears to be ever growing needs with little additional support available from other agencies.</p> <p>One pupil in yr 11 accessing education through a different provider – online tutoring and this is working really well and seeing progress for this young person.</p>
Group-level safeguarding trends	No specific group level trends
DSL Wellbeing	Fiona reports to be doing well and no concerns. Values the support, attitude and hard work of the entire pastoral team.
Staff wellbeing	<p>No concerns; has been a busy time recently; Time of the year has meant illness but have coped well. No staffing issues that caused any problems Year leaders and pastoral team work together and ensure cover where needed.</p>
Training for DSL and staff	<p>New updated BEAT training – done by a yr leader – this will be cascaded to the rest of the team. Attendance training attended by Attendance champion and another member of staff. Anxiety training has been completed by some pastoral team members Second inset day – all staff was updated on KCSIE – all staff and invigilators have been updated and policies in classrooms updated.</p>

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Review of the child protection policy	Emphasis in attendance is greater – as of last year were already updating school process
Attendance	Involvement with BAPS (Behaviour and attendance group for MESH schools) New process regarding 5 late marks and then detention has seen punctuality improve. Ensuring all logs are kept, registers being done, any absences followed through with phone calls. Unauthorized absences highlighted and fined as appropriate.
Safeguarding Audit	Due in the new year – will receive form from Essex.
Single central record (SCR) check in	SCR is up to date and complete. Due to checked by Steve and Fiona – date in the calendar Any changes will be flagged including new starters
Children who left our school at the end of the previous academic year – are they at another school/setting or being home educated (where relevant)?	School confident re whereabouts of all children that have left the school. One expected year 7 pupil didn't turn up – this was chased and found that have moved to America.
Any changes to the status and attendance of pupils our school considers to be vulnerable, including children with social workers, looked-after children and previously looked-after children	No change in numbers No-one with a SW currently Prev LAC doing well and no acute concerns Some SEN students remain vulnerable and there are some attendance issues which are being managed and monitored. SEN coffee mornings remain a great source of support and relationship building for families with the school.
Review of filtering and monitoring standards for school	Nothing reported recently. Smoothwall in place and process remains of flagging and reporting as needed

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Review of progress made towards our safeguarding objectives from last meeting	<p>Optimizing the use of the hub and making it more efficient. There is a year leader timetable to ensure it is always supervised. Any pupil attending is logged with details of which lesson they have come from and how long and trends are looked for. Frequent flyers of the hub are highlighted and conversations are then held with year leaders to support pupils back into classrooms. Use of egg timers and gradually reducing time allowed sets the expectations of pupils to return to classrooms. Subjective analysis that this is working – some that use to attend a lot, no longer are. Wider staff have greater understanding of the need and workings of the hub. Further twilight pastoral CPD is planned.</p> <p>18 PPG students in yr 7 have settled so well. Very smooth transition; additional support and visits to school over the summer were very beneficial. First TA data due to be available soon, however no obvious concerns have been highlighted.</p> <p>2 of the PPG students have become friendship ambassadors – this has been great to see their confidence and eagerness to be involved.</p> <p>Baseline testing has been done and this CAT data is being analysed</p> <p>Process in place to help support anyone requiring intervention</p>
Other Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Now have 180 yrs 7-11 and a large yr 12. It is busy but manageable. - Pastoral leads coping – good team with a lot of good will. SLT have measures in place in order to “look after” these staff – as often working over set hours. - Information of new comers to the school has revealed some complex safeguarding issues and indication that there may be increased pastoral care needs – the team have been proactive and feel equipped to support as needed.

ACTIONS: nil