

MEETING OF GOVERNORS HELD AT HAYWOOD ACADEMY 7th MARCH 2018

The following sets out the Role of Governors and Safeguarding:

For detailed guidance see: Governors' Handbook – Department for Education (2015)

The Governing Body has a duty to ensure that the school meets its statutory responsibilities and ensure that the children and young people attending the school are safe. This applies equally to all school settings, including maintained schools, academies and free schools. Section 175 of the Education Act 2002, and regulations under section 157 relating to safeguarding pupils in Independent Schools (including academies), place a duty on the governing bodies of maintained schools, and academy trusts, to have arrangements in place to ensure that they:

- carry out their functions with a view to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children; and*
- have regard to the statutory guidance issued by the Secretary of State in considering what arrangements they need to make for the purpose of that section.*

The statutory guidance, 'Keeping Children Safe in Education', places statutory requirements on all governing bodies. Governing bodies must make sure their school has policies and procedures in place and take into account any statutory guidance issued by the Secretary of State, any local authority guidance and locally agreed inter-agency procedures.

The purpose of the meeting was to hear a presentation on Safeguarding given by Mike Dawes, Vice Principal and Safeguarding Lead.

Present: Dawn Clewes (Chair of Governors), Jane Ashworth, Annette Barnett,
Tom Martindale, and Kath Smith.

Apologies were received from Chris Else, Nathan Legg and Trevor Goddard.

Mike commenced by distributing copies of his power point presentation.

Mike explained that his presentation focused on Safeguarding Level 1 and Keeping Children Safe in Education 2016. Keeping Children Safe in Education 2016 will be updated during the course of this year, and the new version will be available in September 2018. Further training for staff will then of course be necessary and Mike will make provision for this to take place early in the new academic year.

The presentation commenced with a short film made by the NSPCC, which revealed the number of children that are identified as needing protection from abuse, together with an additional number of children who are not identified.

Mike went through the session aims which were: Safeguarding Level 1 refresher, School Procedures, CPOMS, and a follow up 'test'.

Governors were then given in depth explanations to the key terms and acronyms used in Safeguarding, a list of where they can access legislation and guidance, the many forms of abuse, specific Safeguarding issues, signs of safety, members of the Safeguarding Team, Academy procedure, Student disclosure, including what to do and what not to do if a Student discloses anything to a member of staff/Governor.

Mike explained how to raise a concern using the 'yellow' form, a copy of which was displayed and information on where they are kept in school, together with a reference to CPOMS (Safeguarding and Child Protection software for schools) and how to access this via the website.

The Safeguarding Team follow up any children that they may be concerned about when they leave Haywood and track them up to the age of 19 years old.

Mike has introduced a new system of 'The Golden Hour' which means that any concerns raised during the school day should be reported to him within an hour of the concern being raised instead of waiting until the end of the school day. Annette commented that she felt that this has been a really good innovation.

Everyone was **VERY** disappointed that there was not time to complete the 'test' and this will be carried forward to the next presentation!

A list of case studies was distributed for people to read at their leisure.

Governors were extremely impressed with Mike's presentation, and the way in which he answered the many questions which arose during the session. His commitment to Safeguarding, and the Safeguarding Team is very obvious, and his extensive knowledge is to be commended.

KAS - (07.03.18)