

LA EXAMPLE CP POLICY

The revised example LA policy has been attached and updated with the name of the interim LADO, in place of Mark Goddard who has now left the authority.

We have also made some changes to the paragraph about Peer on Peer abuse to recognise the often gendered nature of this (with boys often being perpetrators and girls victims). The wording also slightly strengthens the requirement for schools to complete a formal risk assessment in order to minimise the risk of peer on peer abuse happening again. In KCSIE 2019 there is a requirement for child protection policies to include procedures to address peer on peer abuse (see KCSIE extract below). The LA “example” policy is unable to set out detailed procedures that will apply in every school (ie from Infant to Secondary age range) and it also recognises that relevant procedures are likely to be already set out in other school policies and guidance eg behaviour policy, anti-bullying policy, e-safety policy, LA guidance on harmful sexual behaviour, DfE guidance on Sexual Violence and Sexual Harassment (<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/sexual-violence-and-sexual-harassment-between-children-in-schools-and-colleges>)

DSLs must therefore check these other school policies carefully to make sure they do include the necessary procedures and include the relevant points within the Child Protection policy itself.

There is likely to be a much more comprehensive review of the LA example policy over the summer in view of the KCSIE 2020 consultation currently under way.

DSL FORUMS – Places still available

Free DSL forums have been arranged to update DSLs and DDSLs who are in the year between refresher training. The forum updates will include Ofsted feedback, First Response and CP Conferences information. Unfortunately the original May dates were in KS2 SATs week so we have now moved these to the following week. The sessions are as follows and DSLs and DDSLs can still book a place by calling 0116 3056314 or emailing safeguarding.education@leics.gov.uk

All 9.30am – 12 noon

March 25th – Green Towers, Richmond Rd, Hinckley, LE10 0DZ

May 18th - Pera Business Park, Nottingham Road, Melton Mowbray, LE13 0PB

May 21st – Heartwood Conference Centre, Rothley House, Coalville Business Park, LE67 3NR

June 24th – Salvation Army, Ladysmith Road (off Saffron Road), South Wigston, LE18 4UZ

KCSIE 2019 Extract

Governing bodies and proprietors should ensure that their child protection policy includes:

- procedures to minimise the risk of peer on peer abuse;
- how allegations of peer on peer abuse will be recorded, investigated and dealt with;

- clear processes as to how victims, perpetrators and any other child affected by peer on peer abuse will be supported;
- a clear statement that abuse is abuse and should never be tolerated or passed off as “banter”, “just having a laugh” or “part of growing up”;
- recognition of the gendered nature of peer on peer abuse (i.e. that it is more likely that girls will be victims and boys perpetrators), but that all peer on peer abuse is unacceptable and will be taken seriously;