

The role of the Management Committee to Safeguarding

The Management Committee 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. Section 175 of the Education Act 2002, place a duty on the management committee 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.

Additionally, the Management Committee also regularly discusses aspects around:

- School Attendance
- School Security
- Safer Recruitment
- Allegations against staff and volunteers
- Referring cases to the NCTL and the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS)
- Writing an Annual Report to Governors
- The Prevent Duty

The Safeguarding Committee Member meets regularly with the Designated Senior Person (DSP) for Safeguarding and the Deputy DSP to complete a termly safeguarding evaluation and audit. Regular monitoring is essential to ensure that Roman Fields has strong policies, procedures and mechanisms in place to safeguard young people. It will also supports Roman Fields in preparing for safeguarding aspects of inspections by Ofsted or other relevant inspectorates.