Safeguarding Board

The terms of reference of the **FCAT Safeguarding Board** are as follows:

- to provide assurance to the FCAT Board of Directors in matters of safeguarding
- to monitor the progress of current Safeguarding Plans and development plans in each institution
- to monitor staff training
- to scrutinise each institution's safeguarding policies and procedures and advise on changes as appropriate.
- to undertake detailed reviews into a range of safeguarding cases, two or three per institution throughout the year selected by the Safeguarding Board with the aim of:
  1) establishing and sharing best practice
  2) identifying opportunities to improve processes and procedures
  3) working collaboratively with Senior Leadership Teams to implement enhanced safeguarding processes
  4) proposing additional links to external agencies to improve each institution's responses
- to advise each institution's Corporation/Academy Council on matters concerning the quality and effectiveness of safeguarding activities, including new policy and training initiatives
- to recommend to each institution's Corporation/Academy Council appropriate targets for improvement in safeguarding activities
- to consider matters referred by the FCAT Board of Directors or each institution's Corporation/Academy Council in the area of safeguarding
- to prepare reports twice yearly on its work and outcomes to the FCAT Board of Directors. These will also be reviewed by the local Academy Council or Corporation

In order to operate effectively, the FCAT Safeguarding Board will:

- normally consist of three members from each of the participating Fylde Coast Academy Trust (FCAT) institutions, one of whom should be the most senior Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL), one of whom should be a Governor plus another Governor or appropriate member of staff.
- invite the appropriate DSL from the institution whose case study is being audited
- be able to invite one additional member of staff, should the agenda require their presence
- ensure there is an appropriate link with the Student Council in each institution
- involve members of external agencies as necessary
- meet five times each academic year
- use the services of an independent chair with experience of a broad range of safeguarding issues

These institutions are:
- The Blackpool Sixth Form College
- Hodgson Academy
- Armfield Academy
- Aspire Academy
- Unity Academy
- Montgomery High School
- Garstang Community Academy
- Hambleton Primary Academy
- Gateway Primary Academy
- Westcliff Primary School
- Mereside Primary School and
- Westminster Primary Academy

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