

Online safety in schools and colleges: The role of the Governing Body




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Key Message



Keeping Children Safe in Education 2022

137. Governing bodies and proprietors should ensure online safety is a running and interrelated theme whilst devising and implementing their whole school or college approach to safeguarding and related policies and procedures. This will include considering how online safety is reflected as required in all relevant policies and considering online safety whilst planning the curriculum, any teacher training, the role and responsibilities of the designated safeguarding lead (and deputies) and any parental engagement.



UKCIS

The UK Council for Internet Safety



Questions for the Governing Body

Policies and procedures

Does the school/ college have an up to date online safety policy and acceptable use policies in place?

How does the school/college assess that they are clear, understood and respected by all children and staff?

Questions for the Governing Body

Support and Reporting mechanisms

What mechanisms does the school/college have in place to support pupils/students, staff and parents facing online safety issues?

Questions for the Governing Body

Staff training

How do you ensure that all staff receive appropriate, relevant and regularly updated online safety training?

Questions for the Governing Body

Teaching and Learning

Describe how your school/college provides the learning required to educate children and young people to build knowledge, skills and confidence with regard to online safety.

Questions for the Governing Body

Whole school community engagement

How does the school/college educate parents and the whole school /college community with online safety?

Questions for the Governing Body

Annex A

Monitoring online safety: proforma

Policies and procedures
Does the school/college have up to date policies that address online safety, mobile and smart technology, social media and acceptable use of technology in place? How does the school/college assess that policies are clear, understood and respected by all children and staff?
Source(s) of evidence
Comments

Time for questions

Online Safety Governor Session - Virtual
15th May 2023 14.00 – 16.00

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