

Safeguarding Statement

The South York Multi Academy Trust (SYMAT) is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people within its family of schools. It expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

We provide an inclusive, positive and caring environment in which our children and young people can develop their academic, social and emotional potential.

Every adult is expected to play their part in safeguarding our children and young people. Each school supports this through their offer of safeguarding and child protection awareness training. All staff in all our schools know the procedures that should be followed should they have any concerns about a student. All staff know where to go should they require some information, help and guidance.

The Trust supports each school in the following ways:

- The Trust fully adopts the most up to date Keeping Children Safe in Education guidance.
- As a Trust we undertake safeguarding reviews and audits on an annual basis by an independent body that scrutinises our policy and procedures.
- The Trust is led by a Chief Executive who has ultimate responsibility for excellence in safeguarding.
- The Trust has a Trustee with special responsibility for safeguarding.
- Each school has its own Safeguarding Policy that details their school specific advice and designated safeguarding officer details.
- Each school has a governor on its Governing Body with special responsibility for safeguarding.

Reporting Concerns

If you are concerned about the welfare of a pupil at any of our schools contact the relevant Designated Safeguarding Officer in each school. Details can be found in the Trust Policy and on each school website.

Trustees are accountable for all legal obligations regarding safeguarding across the trust. Oversight is delegated by the Board of Trustees, to the SYMAT Safeguarding Trustee (Anooj Kotecha). Any issues related to safeguarding children will be discussed with this board as required.