

LAKESIDE SCHOOL

REPORT OF GOVERNOR VISITS TO LAKESIDE SCHOOL – 29th November 2017

Governors' names: Olwen Greenwood

Persons visited: Shannon Tremaine

Dates of visit: 29th November 2017

Governors' area of interest: Safeguarding and Prevent

Role on the GB/Committee: Safeguarding + Prevent Governor

Purpose of visit: To discuss aspects of the role of SC / SW, in particular (1) 'My Concern' (2) the 'Prevent' strategy and (3) safeguarding in general.

Summary of meeting:

1. The implementation of the on-line system of 'My Concern' was discussed: this is the school's means of reporting any safeguarding and child protection concerns. All staff are trained on the system and use it. ST gave OG a summary of the User Guide.

ST and OG looked at the types of reports which could be generated. It records bullying and, should a particular trend of concern emerge, it could be used to adapt the curriculum. Each pupil has a chronology and is graded 1-4 depending on the perceived level of need; the school uses HCC's 'threshold' criteria. Positive comments are also added, so that a 'holistic' picture of the pupil is available. It can transfer with the pupil to his post-16 placement.

ST and OG also discussed aspects of ST's Annual Report to the GB for 2016-17 and at any differences in types of referrals compared with 2015-16: however, care needs to be taken with interpreting the figures as incidents can involve more than 1 pupil.

To date, there are no examples of concerns relating to 'Prevent' but staff are aware that all pupils are potentially vulnerable.

The system is impressive and a very useful tool for the staff.

2. ST and OG also looked at the 'Prevent' strategy. BR gave OG a copy of the school's Action Plan. The school uses Assemblies, the 'taught' curriculum (particularly PHSE and Humanities), school visits, anti-bullying week, tutor time and charities work etc to explore issues.
3. All staff receive a detailed introduction to safeguarding as part of their induction, including Hayes. ST followed this up with a questionnaire to all staff in March 2017 and has followed this up with staff newly appointed since then – copies shown to OG. Training on drugs / drug running took place in January 2017.

Information or issues arising for consideration by Governors:

As ST did a staff questionnaire re their safeguarding responsibilities in March 2017 and has followed this up with newly appointed staff, OG felt that to interview staff further would only replicate this process.

OG suggests that the FGB receives an update on the Prevent Duty Action Plan in the summer term 2018.

Thank you to Shannon for a very informative meeting.