



Checklist, reflections and reading

Session 5

Safeguarding and child protection

Understanding your strategic oversight role

Checklist

Key checks (a summary):

1. Policies are up to date and reviewed annually.
 2. All staff receive regular safeguarding training.
 3. There is a designated safeguarding lead (DSL).
 4. Record-keeping of concerns is robust and secure.
 5. The school site and procedures promote pupil safety.
 6. The board receives safeguarding reports each term.
 7. The culture encourages pupils and staff to speak up.
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Reflections

- **Policies:** Do I know when our Child Protection policy was last reviewed by the board?
 - **People:** Can I explain how our board assures itself that the DSL is well-supported and that all staff training is up to date?
 - **Processes:** Am I confident that the information we receive in reports is sufficient for us to monitor the effectiveness of our safeguarding culture and systems?
 - **Challenge:** Am I prepared to ask probing, strategic questions about the safeguarding report at our next meeting?
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Reading



The Governors' Gateway

- [Keeping children safe in education 2025: part one information for all school and college staff](#)
- [Promoting fundamental British values through SMSC - GOV.UK](#)