MAC monitoring Safeguarding Report to Members

Name of MAC: The Romero Multi-Academy Company

Date: 12th March 2024

To be completed by MAC CEOs in communication with their Directors and school leaders.

As part of the Archdiocese's commitment to safeguarding, Boards are asked to confirm the following information on an annual basis:

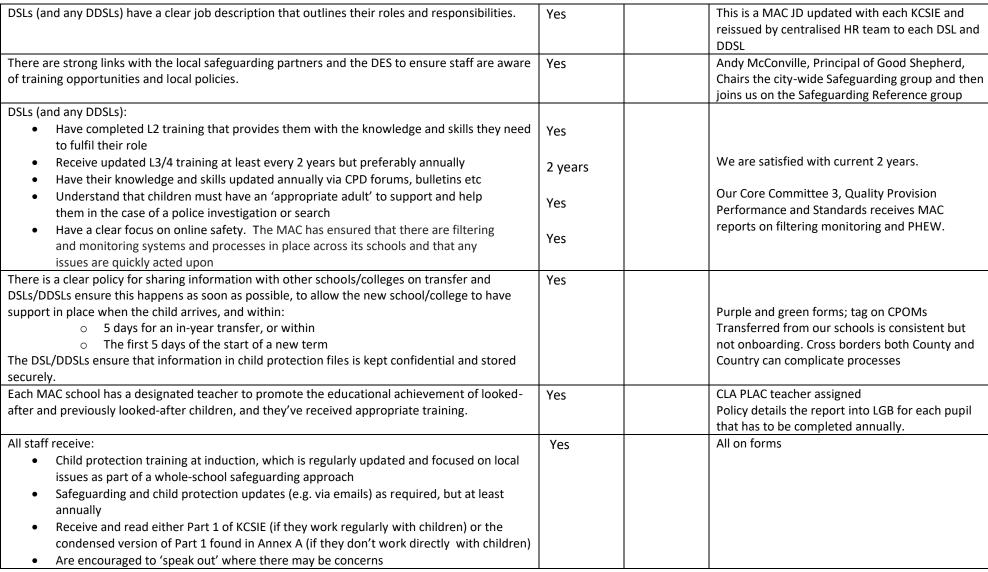
	Fully compliant	Not yet compliant	Any further action required / Comments
The scheme of delegation clearly sets out the roles and responsibilities relating to safeguarding in the MAC	Yes		
There is a suitably knowledgeable and experienced named director who has responsibility for safeguarding	Yes		Eleanor Barry, Vice Chair Eleanor attends our Safeguarding Reference gp
In each MAC school, there is a suitably knowledgeable and experienced named governor who has responsibility for safeguarding	Yes		This is reported to Directors in the first meeting of the year via our Safeguarding training.
There is an induction programme for directors/governors with safeguarding as a central focus, which includes the expectation for them to read the latest version of Keeping Children Safe in Education. There is ongoing training including on online safety and responsibilities around filtering and monitoring, which is regularly updated, to equip them with the knowledge to provide strategic challenge on safeguarding.	Yes		This is centrally led so there is universal training but also there are opportunities at school level to respond to the individual community in relation to safeguarding needs. This is led by the CEO who is a current Ofsted inspector and Director of School Improvement.
Each school has a child protection policy that fully meets statutory requirements, which is updated annually and publicly available on the school website. The policy contains references to locally agreed multi-agency arrangements put in place by local safeguarding partners. The policies are approved at Board level.	Yes		Using the LA model, we then add tiers of accountability in the MAC then each school adapts it for their individual setting.
There is a clear communication strategy between the Board and the LGBs so that any concerns relating to safeguarding can be addressed quickly and best practice shared	Yes		Generally, the CEO/ central HR team liaise with the school and LGB when appropriate in a swift manner.
There is a senior MAC employee with responsibility for safeguarding including the oversight of safeguarding within the central team and the MAC's constituent schools. The CEO/CSEL assumes overall responsibility.	Yes		Sharon Feeney, the Attendance and Family Support Worker, Chairs the Safeguarding reference group for the MAC. Helen Quinn the CEO, assumes overall responsibility.
Each school has a designated safeguarding lead (DSL) and a deputy designated safeguarding lead (DDSL) who take lead responsibility for safeguarding and child protection (including online safety and understanding the filtering and monitoring systems and processes in place). The DSL is a senior member of staff from the leadership team.	Yes		This is conjunction with the centralised IT Team who lead on the filtering and monitoring systems for the MAC.



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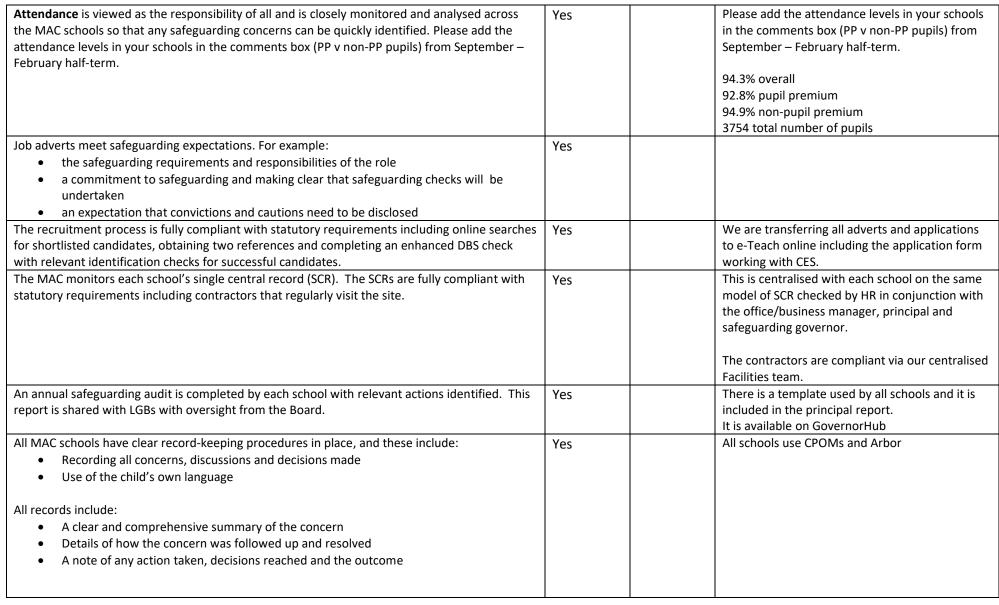




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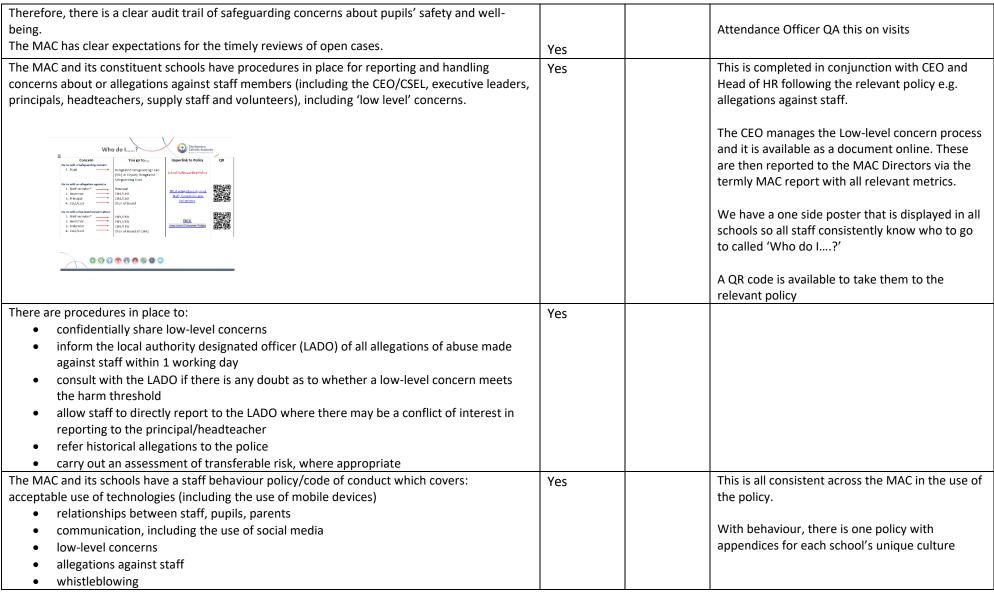




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The MAC and its schools have procedures for ensuring visitors to school are appropriately supervised, and where appropriate, have ID and DBS checks completed.	Yes	There is a MAC wide policy that is consistent on Visitor Management with MAC wide lanyard system recognised in all schools.
MAC schools have procedures for ensuring that visiting speakers to the school are suitable and appropriately supervised.	Yes	No Platform policy available on the Romero website and completed when appropriate
The Board and governors provide assurance that sites are safe for all pupils. Risk assessments are in place in line with health and safety procedures.	Yes	Centralised approach to H and S with our Head of Estate and Facilities Manager
There are strategies in place to collect parent, staff and pupil voice including a focus on safeguarding	Yes	Survey annually completed with open responses available. July 2023, 97% felt their child was safe, of which 59% saying they strongly agreed.
Pupils on a reduced timetable are reported to the MAC and there are clear expectations to ensure that they return to school full time in a speedy manner. Any pupils on alternative provision fully meet statutory expectations (please add the number of	Yes	Via principal report all schools report reduced timetable those in our own internal setting. Currently on Secondary in AP provision
pupils in alternative provision in the comments box).		Year 7 8 9 10 11 Alternative 1
		work related learning* (Sec) 1 3 2

Our policies can be found here:

• Policies & Procedures (romeromac.com)



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February 2023 - February 24

Number of referrals made to the LADO in the last 12 months: 9

	Referrals	# that met threshold
Corpus Christi	0	0
Good Shepherd	0	0
Sacred Heart	1	0
SS Peter and Paul	1 External referral	Pending
Saint Gregory	1	0
Saint John Fisher	1	0
Saint Patrick	1	Pending
Cardinal Wiseman	4	1

LA safeguarding review completed in the following schools (if not completed by the LA, the name of the external consultant and their company to be listed):

School	Reviewer (LA/company	Date	Any high concerns? Yes/No
	name)		
Cardinal Wiseman	Jayne Lowe	Every 12 – 18 months	
All schools are booked for a Safeguarding review by	Charlotte Hegarty		
Charlotte Hegarty in the Summer term	LA Safeguarding advisor		

Number of staff referred to the Teaching Regulation Agency in the last 12 months: 2



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