

## Safeguarding Champion Role Description

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. Speech and Language UK is committed to raising awareness and promoting the responsibility of ALL members of the community to help protect and safeguard children and adults from abuse, neglect and harm. To that end, each SAB will have a designated Safeguarding Champion, tasked with ensuring that safeguarding and child protection remains at the forefront of everyone's minds at all times.

### The role of the Safeguarding Champion

As Safeguarding Champion, you will:

- be familiar with the school's policy, procedures and reported data in relation to safeguarding and wellbeing.
- meet with Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) once a term to check in and act as a sounding board.
- act as a link between the DSL and the SAB.
- at SAB meetings, keep safeguarding at the forefront of your mind as matters are discussed and remind others of how those matters might impact the safety and wellbeing of pupils. This includes asking questions about the status of actions arising from any internal or external reviews of safeguarding.
- encourage colleagues to recognise and be aware of safeguarding issues at all times

### Requisite qualities of the Safeguarding Champion

You will be passionate about ensuring the safety, mental health and wellbeing of all members of the school community. You will also be interested in further enhancing safeguarding practice and will work collaboratively with the DSL to think about ways to improve the school's practice.

### What you are not responsible for

Safeguarding Champions are not expected to be experts in safeguarding, nor do they hold any formal responsibility for safeguarding practice in the school. Specifically, they are not responsible for the following:

- Monitoring safeguarding practice at the school
- Responding to queries about safeguarding at the school
- Directly investigating or making enquiries into safeguarding matters
- Checking the Single Central Register
- Conducting safeguarding audits at the school
- Signing off any safeguarding-related policies or documents

## **Training of Safeguarding Champions**

Safeguarding Champions will be expected to complete the same annual safeguarding training provided to all SAB members. This training is aimed at ensuring members are familiar with Part One of Keeping Children Safe in Education. There is no expectation of higher level training, but if you are interested in further training, it will be available upon request.