

Governor Monitoring Visit Record

Date	02.10.2025	Governors	Karyn McMahon, Jordan Tolley, Gill Finch
Objectives			
Termly Safeguarding visit: Theme for Autumn: safeguarding compliance Mick Dunn from CES and Helen McIntyre also in attendance			
Links with School Development Plan			
Safeguarding and Child Protection			
Background preparation			
Read changes to KCSiE 2025 Attendance at recent meeting of Northumbria Police Community Cohesion Group Protective security and preparedness for education settings : April 2025 Update			
Scope of visit			
<p>A conversation and focus on action planning to ensure compliance with: Martyn's Law</p> <p>Martyn's Law is intended to ensure public places are better prepared for terrorist attacks. This will require them to take practical actions to reduce the risk of physical harm and the impact of a terrorist attack. It received Royal Assent in April 2025, and the implementation period will be two years. Martyn's Law was created by Figen Murray in tribute to her son, Martyn Hett, who was tragically killed alongside 21 others in the Manchester Arena terrorist attack in 2017. It mandates, for the first time, who is responsible for considering the risk from terrorism and how they would respond to a terrorist attack at certain premises and events.</p> <p>Clear and simple guidance will be given to duty holders, ensuring everyone involved knows what to do and how to do it. The guidance is intended to be easy to understand and require no special expertise.</p> <p>A regulator will be set up to help enforce the rules. It will support, advise, and guide those responsible for premises and events to meet the requirements of this law. For Standard Tier venues, which includes CHS, our plan must cover:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emergency procedures (evacuation, lockdown, shelter-in-place options) • Staff training so employees know how to respond to an attack • Communication plans to inform visitors and authorities <p>Protective security and preparedness for education settings:</p> <p>We discussed with Jordan the challenges and areas for development that we are aware of in ensuring that the difficulties of a site with 12 buildings and no 'school bell'</p>			

<p>system are developed into a strategy all staff can apply if required to carry out evacuation or invacuation protocols to keep children safe.</p> <p>Jordan will work with Civil Contingencies and Safe and Resilient communities to overcome some of the challenges posed by the site and the needs of the pupils.</p> <p>Safeguarding Audit is being completed by Karyn McMahon and actions will be shared with Governors.</p>
<p>Impact/Next steps</p>
<p>The conversation was an extremely useful one to have had; we discussed and learned from events in a local school just weeks before, where members of the public (neighbours of the school) had developed and shared their own version of events in school when an invacuation had taken place and were sharing these on social media.</p> <p>Neighbourhood Policing Teams should be called on to assist with guidance and communications in such an event.</p> <p>The only community members school needs to consider for comms messaging are parents and carers.</p> <p>Safeguarding drills and responses to perceived threats are not something the school is obliged to communicate to the wider community.</p>
<p>Governor observations and comments</p>
<p>We will revisit progress on the topic of site security again this year, to ensure that progress towards compliance with Martyn's Law is on track.</p>
<p>Items to be raised with the Full Governing Body (if any)</p>
<p>Please read the statutory guidance</p>
<p>Plans for follow-up visit</p>
<p>Summer term: Revisit progress</p> <p>Spring term switch theme of visit from curriculum to contextual safeguarding</p>
<p>Date reviewed at FGB 25.11.25</p>