

Governor Monitoring Visit Record

Date	05.03.26	Governors	Gill Finch, Maureen Spence, Karyn McMahon
Objectives			
Term 2 Safeguarding Link Governor monitoring: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keeping Children Safe in Education updates • Rachael Ford Hutchinson and Helen McIntyre in attendance 			
Links with School Development Plan			
Safeguarding Inclusion Leadership & Governance			
Background preparation			
Suggested changes to KCSiE had been read and we met to discuss any strengths, weaknesses and threats to address in preparation for implementation in September. Safeguarding section in Head Teacher's Report.			
Scope of visit			
<p>We met to discuss some of the proposed changes and new content in the draft KCSiE guidance which is open for consultation until 22.04.26.</p> <p>Gender Questioning Guidance</p> <p>The DfE have decided not to publish an update to the draft GQ guidance published in 2023. Instead, they have added brief sections to KCSiE. The focus of these changes will be to reflect the Supreme Court judgment about single-sex spaces (toilets, changing rooms, residential accommodation). Schools must ensure that children over the age of 8 can access changing spaces and toilets that correspond to their biological sex. This will mean that any schools who currently support children who use the toilet that corresponds to the sex they identify with will need to provide and insist that they use gender neutral alternatives if they have them. We had a conversation about the suitability of toilets and changing spaces in school for both staff and pupils. We also had a conversation about school protocol regarding the gender of staff and pupil intimate care, and implications for transgender colleagues.</p> <p>There are suggestions in the guidance about schools being very cautious about promoting social transition (changing names and pronouns). We spoke about pupils we know who might be affected by this guidance. Staff are clear that pupil wellbeing and parental communication are always the most important factors in making plans to support and develop provision for gender questioning young people at CHS.</p> <p>VAWG and Healthy Relationships</p> <p>Another key area to discuss and prepare for is the focus on Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG), healthy relationships, Incel culture and the Manosphere. This theme is referenced not only in this statutory guidance, but also in the recent 10-year</p>			

VAWG strategy and the recently revised RSHE curriculum. This topic, while extremely important in the online world many of our young people inhabit, is one which now encompasses complex, nuanced themes such as deep fakes, extortion, strangulation and suffocation.

It looks unlikely that a SEND Programme of Study will be available from the PSHE Association to support the development of this work; it will be the responsibility of teachers.

Impact/Next steps

The guidance is open to consultation until mid-April.

DSL's will stay aware that these changes are proposed and may evolve.

Governor observations and comments

Thanks to Karyn, Helen and Rachael who were aware of, and already putting in place protective measures and plans to safeguard vulnerable children and young people in school likely to be affected by the guidance.

Items to be raised with the Full Governing Body (if any)

Plans for follow-up visit

Date reviewed at FGB: 24.03.2026