How effective is your safeguarding practice? Are your policies up to date?

Do you have an embedded culture of safeguarding?

Are your children kept safe onsite and offsite? Do staff recognise signs of abuse?

How do you measure how effective your safeguarding is?

**The ESAT School Safeguarding Advisory Review**

The Education Safeguarding Advisory Team (ESAT) offer a review with schools to support the school to audit their practice, identify any areas of strength and areas for development. The review is a supportive process conducted by ESAT, a local specialist safeguarding team, who provide a totally independent insight.

The review will consider and include:

* Actions from previous years 157/175 report and support developing next years
* The culture of safeguarding
* Management of Safeguarding including DSL, HT and Governors
* Safer recruitment
* Recording and reporting of child protection concerns
* Site security
* Safeguarding knowledge of staff
* Children’s views of their safety
* Feedback from safeguarding partners

Following the review, the school will receive:

* A review document identifying effective and ineffective areas with evidence and actions required
* Feedback from multi-agency professionals who work alongside the school- quantitative and qualitative
* A review plan, with priorities and timescale, as required.

The overall cost for the Education safeguarding advisory review:

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| Maintained school | Included in funding arrangements |
| Academy  | £350 |
| Independent | £500 |
| Early Years | Dependent on setting |

The team will offer negotiated rates for bookings across Academy Trusts.

Schools are invoiced for payment on completion

Feedback from a school:

*The audit provided by ESAT was incredibly beneficial to our provision.*

*They took their time reviewing our practice, highlighting what we should be proud of and area’s that could do with a bit of tweaking.*

*The team are a fountain of knowledge, they supported me as the DSL, by offering advice on things that could improve, providing templates, links, and ideas wherever they could.*

*At no point did I feel criticised or unsupported - the complete opposite! It’s something that I would like to complete yearly, to ensure we continue to thrive providing a safe, supportive, and educated environment for the young people we work with. (Nov 21)*

If you would like to book a review or have any questions about this, please contact the team on: ESAT.safeguardingchildren@oxfordshire.co.uk