

Nominated Governor – Online Safety and Child Protection inc Children Looked After

Terms of Reference (2025-2026)

1. The Online Safety and Child Protection Nominated Governor is appointed by the Full Governing Body. The role is normally to be undertaken by the Chair of Governors but can be filled by any other suitably qualified/experienced Governor.

2. The main function of the Online Safety and Child Protection Nominated Governor is to keep the Governors informed about the way Royal Cross, in particular the Senior Leadership Team (SLT), manages all aspects of Safeguarding. This is so the Governing Body can fulfil its legal responsibilities.

3. The key responsibilities of the Online Safety and Child Protection Nominated Governor are as follows:

- Ensuring, in liaison with Senior Staff, including the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL), that Safeguarding Policies and Procedures are in place. These should be reviewed and updated as required but at least annually.
- Provide Regular Reports to the Governing Body and ensure it regularly considers the following:
 - Changes to Safeguarding Policy/Procedures.
 - Any Incidents/Cases (Without Details/Names).
 - Safeguarding Issues within the School Curriculum.
 - Monitors progress on any Strategic Safeguarding Priorities.
- Ensuring, in liaison with the Training Link Nominated Governor, that appropriate Safeguarding Training is undertaken by the DSL, and those with responsibility for Safeguarding issues, at an appropriate interval but at least every 2 years.
- Liaison, with due regard to confidentiality, with the DSL re any allegations of Child Abuse or issues in respect of Child Protection.
- Liaison with External Bodies responsible for Safeguarding in respect of any allegations of abuse made against the Headteacher.
- To attend Governor Training Sessions to improve their effectiveness as a Child Protection and Online Safety Nominated Governor including “Safer Recruitment” training.
- Working with the Headteacher to ensure that Royal Cross undertakes an annual safeguarding audit which is reported to the Governing Body.
- Ensuring that appropriate safeguarding arrangements are in place for all third-party activities on Royal Cross premises.

4. This role also encompasses the need for a Governor to be appointed for Children Looked After (CLA). As such the appointee will also be the named Governor for CLA.

5. It should be noted that in this role the Nominated Governor is to ensure that Online Safety is given the highest priority. This should involve liaison with Children, Parents and Staff and involve educating these individuals about “How to Stay Safe Online”.

6. In order to build on understanding of how Safeguarding works in practice the appointed Governor should focus on the following:

- Reading and Understanding keeping Children Safe in Education.
- Knowledge and Understanding of the School’s Safeguarding Policies.
- Using Safeguarding Assessments/Audits.
- Use Data to Spot Trends.

7. These Terms of Reference will be reviewed annually and be approved at the Full Governing Body Meeting held in the Autumn Term of the Academic Year.