

Questions for governing bodies to ask: Health and Safety

10. Do we keep children safe and healthy? (see also questions 2, 7 & 12)

- a) Do we meet the statutory health and safety requirements?
 - i. How does the school ensure it keeps up to date with relevant health and safety regulations and guidance?
 - ii. Is there a designated health & safety co-ordinator; are governors and staff aware of who this person is?
 - iii. How often are safety inspections carried out and are the outcomes reported to the governing body.
 - iv. Are the school's procedures for dealing with a breach or incident clear?
 - v. Are staff clear about the procedures for dealing with health and safety emergencies?
- b) Does the school have clear and proportionate procedures in place for approving (risk assessing) school trips/outdoor activities?
- c) How are child protection issues monitored, do we have a child protection coordinator (name, contact details)?
 - i. Are staff aware of the procedure that needs to be followed when they have concerns about child protection?
 - ii. Have staff and governors received appropriate child protection/safeguarding training?
 - iii. Do we run e-safety awareness training for staff, governors, pupils and parents?
 - iv. Have we ensured we have sought information to identify any members of staff who may be disqualified under the new disqualification criteria in early years?
- d) Is the school offering a good range of sports, and other outdoor activities (see also question 11):
 - i. How many pupils are participating in these?
 - ii. What could be done to get more pupils involved?
- e) Does the school food meet the School Food Standards (which came into force in January 2015)?
 - i. Has there been any change in take-up of school meals as a result of the introduction of universal infant free school meals?
- f) Has the school applied for Healthy School Food Standard/Artsmark/Eco-Schools etc?