Durham County Council - Children and Young People's Services



Education Durham Strategic Manager, School Improvement: Phil Hodgson



NOTE OF VISIT

King James 1 Academy 19th June 2019

Visited by C Durand, Secondary Leadership Review Advisor

SUPPORT TYPE	
SLA Contract No	185622
MII	No

Main focus of visit	Safeguarding audit	
Staff involved:	DSL, SENCO, DHT, attendance officers	
Activities undertaken	Meetings and SCR check	
Main Findings	There is a clarity of roles and responsibilities across the team. Deputisation is evident and appropriate and the team work well to support each other and provide supervision. The child is truly at the centre.	
	The team know the pupils well. The appointment of the attendance officer supports the attendance strategy as well as ensuring pupil welfare. Absence is followed up on the day and 'eyes on' is assured. There are effective responses to children who might be missing from education.	
	Pupil transitions on return to school are well managed and relationships with parents in the cases discussed are effective. Opportunities are seized to engage parents with E-safety and responsibilities around social media and potential bullying. This is a clear facet of pupils' curriculum too.	
	 Alternative provision is used as need arises and the provision is chosen based on the profile of the pupil. It is currently effective and ensuring that pupils with complex cases are staying in education and that the course is meaningful and linked to potential jobs post 16 where appropriate. The provisions are regularly visited, and policies are shared. Non-attendance is pursued by the academy immediately. 	
	The SENCO/LAC teacher has effective working relationships with the safeguarding team and information and strategies around pupils are effectively shared. The dialogue is effective around the child.	
	The child's voice is evident in reviews and disclosures as well as TAF cases.	
	Safeguarding training is appropriate, up-to-date and scheduled.	
Recommendations	Consider a yearly review with link safeguarding governor in order to crystallise the lessons learnt and influence policy and practices as well as tailoring training for staff.	
	Ensure that administrative staff have up to date safer recruitment training.	
	Consider how to ensure that all adults including parents receive information about safeguarding in a way that is comprehensible to them.	

Date and agenda for next visit (if appropriate)	• None
SLA contract use only	Is this the LAST VISIT of the contract? YES