

Cheshire and Wirral Maths Hub Approach to Safeguarding

The Cheshire and Wirral Maths Hub is committed to upholding high standards of safeguarding while ensuring that Local Leaders of Maths Education (LLMEs) can carry out their work effectively. For the purpose of this guidance, *host school* refers to any school or college at which hub activity is taking place.

1. Key Principles

Local Responsibility for Safeguarding

The safeguarding of children remains the responsibility of the host school. When an LLME (or participant teacher) visits a school, they are supervised and directed by school staff and are expected to follow the school's own safeguarding policies and procedures – such as signing in/out, wearing a visitor badge, and being accompanied where appropriate. LLMEs do not undertake unsupervised activity with children.

Nature of LLME Roles

LLMEs are engaged in activities such as delivering professional development, supporting teacher collaboration, or observing practice. They will not take responsibility for children, nor will they engage in unsupervised activity with pupils. Therefore, they fall outside the safeguarding risk categories that require extensive checks under most school visitor protocols.

2. Safeguarding Checks we Undertake

LLMEs Employed by an Educational Institution

Many LLMEs are employed by schools, trusts, or colleges. In these cases:

- safeguarding checks (such as DBS) are managed by their employer.
- their professional role provides an established framework of accountability.

In order to assure the Maths Hub that appropriate safeguarding checks have been carried out by the LLME institution, service level agreements include a section where the LLME institution can confirm this.

Self-Employed or Independently Contracted LLMEs

Some LLMEs are not employed by an educational institution, but are contracted independently to the Maths Hub Lead Institution. In these cases:

- The Maths Hub Lead Institution has ensured that the LLME holds an enhanced DBS certificate and has completed up-to-date safeguarding awareness training.
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