

Corporate Parent Panel

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The Role of the Designated Governor for Children in Care (CIC) and Children who were previously in Care (CPIC)

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Purpose of the report

- 1 To advise members of the Corporate Parent Panel who are Governors in schools of the role of the Virtual School and the statutory requirements of the school for children in care and previously in care and how the designated Governor can carry out their roll effectively.

Background

- 2 Governing Bodies should have a designated safeguarding Governor and a designated governor for children in care and children who were previously in care (CIC/CPIC).
- 3 The Designated Governor should carry out monitoring visits up to three times across the academic year and meet with the Designated teacher (DT) for CIC/CPIC
- 4 Corporate Parents requested that the Virtual School Head (VSH) would provide them with an understanding of the role and how they can carry it out effectively.
- 5 Training is provided by Durham Governors Service twice a year for Designated Governors and is led by the VSH.

Resources required to carry out this role.

- 6 Attached are several slides from the training which explain the expectations upon schools in carrying out their statutory duties and the questions I have prepared for Governors to ask during their meeting with the DT.
- 7 It is important to remember that confidentiality should be followed throughout, and a child should never be named.
- 8 Any concerns should be raised with the head Teacher and should not be discussed outside of the school.

Recommendation

- 9 To discuss with the Head Teacher in school the system in place for CIC/CPIC. Find out who your named Governor is and if it is you then ask if you can have a termly meeting with the DT.
- 10 Use the information in the attached slides to keep the visit focused.