

Clerking in new contexts: LA maintained schools

Other areas of compliance

Note

The information in this document will provide you with examples of some key areas not specifically covered in the module, but is not intended to be an exhaustive list.

Risk Register

There is not a statutory requirement for a risk register in a maintained school. However, the DfE's Maintained schools governance guide recommends that all boards have effective measures in place for identifying, minimizing, recording and managing risk. As governance professional, you should make your board aware of this recommendation and may need to seek examples of risk registers online or through colleagues.

Safeguarding

- It is the responsibility of the governing board, as the proprietor, to:
- Safeguard and promote the welfare of children
- Have regard to any statutory guidance on safeguarding issued by the Secretary of State
- Ensure the suitability of staff, supply staff, volunteers, contractors and proprietors

The board should set out the role of any committees regarding safeguarding, appoint a safeguarding governor and ensure all governors are aware of their and the school's responsibilities under KCSiE. As governance professional you should ensure that safeguarding stays on the agenda and governors are aware of their responsibilities, alert the board when KCSiE is updated and advise them of relevant training to help them fulfil this role.

GIAS

All governors, and changes to the board, must be recorded on GIAS. As governance professional, if you are not the person responsible for updating GIAS, you will need to supply the information to the staff member who does this.

Website requirements

The website requirements for governance information are not dissimilar to academies although there are differences – i.e. it is not a requirement to publish the accounts. It will be your responsibility to collate the governance website information such as membership and structure, attendance registers, pecuniary interest registers, and to ensure that the board is aware of their responsibility for monitoring website compliance. For more information, see the [DfE website](#).