

Ms Clarke  
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Liverpool

Dear Ms Clarke

Thank you for inviting me to audit your child protection and key safeguarding practices recently. I would like to thank Mrs Lodge and colleagues for their hospitality and willingness to share their good practice. The visit included:

- A learning walk around the school site
- A conversation with a group of young people
- An examination of child protection records and key policies
- A conversation with a number of key staff, including extensive discussions with your Designated Safeguarding Lead

The audit provided opportunity to identify that the school not only meets but goes beyond statutory requirements for safeguarding. In my feedback throughout the day I highlighted a number of areas of the school's practice that I can celebrate as best practice with other schools. I am hopeful that the process will also enable the school to further refine some aspects of its work.

My learning walk and visit to a number of areas during the school day evidenced what a safe and secure environment the school is. This was reinforced in conversations with the young people who described a happy and safe school. They also discussed the fact that bullying and derogatory behaviours are negligible and that they had every confidence that staff would deal effectively with any incidents that arose. They described a caring school where they could readily identify staff who would support them if needed. They provided a number of examples of activities that had helped them to learn how to keep themselves safe. I would also like to add that the students' behaviour around school and within lessons was exemplary during my visit.

On behalf of the Local Authority can I thank you, Mrs Lodge and the school safeguarding team for your commitment to safeguarding young people and your outstanding work in this vital area.

Yours sincerely

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