

School and Local Authority Responsibilities

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Purpose

- To clarify statutory responsibilities between schools and the Local Authority
- To support schools in meeting their legal duties
- To introduce a compliance assurance framework for the next academic year
- To explain the support available from the Local Authority

Why are we doing this?



Shared responsibilities

A partnership approach

LA responsibilities

- Strategic oversight
- Statutory accountability
- Monitoring and assurance
- Intervention where required
- Guidance and support



School responsibilities

- Day-to-day delivery
- Leadership and governance
- Operational compliance
- Implementation of statutory requirements
- Evidence and record keeping

Areas with greatest risk



How the LA will support schools

We will:

- Provide clear guidance on statutory responsibilities
- Deliver training for leaders, governors and relevant staff
- Support schools to understand compliance expectations
- Develop and implement annual compliance assurance process
- Work collaboratively with you to address risks and areas for development



In return...

A new compliance assurance process will be developed to:

- Highlight good practice
- Identify areas for development
- Help us target and develop our support offer
- Improve assurance for schools and LA
- Provide stronger evidence of compliance



We want your help to design the best way to implement this that does not create extra work but provides us with the assurance we need

Next steps

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- Finalisation of the Responsible Body Duties Framework
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