

Child Safeguarding Statement Review

Parents & Pupils Feedback Prompts

Member schools will note the following two questions appearing on the Checklist for Review of the Child Safeguarding Statement (Mandatory Template 2)

35. Has the Board sought the feedback of parents in relation to the school's compliance with the requirements of the child safeguarding requirements of the 'Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post Primary Schools 2017'?

There are a number of ways that a school can deal with this question, including requesting feedback or comments from parents by email. However, schools seeking to survey a group of parents, or all parents, may wish to consider asking them some of the following types of questions:

- Have you any concerns about the safety of children at our school?
- Do you think that the children are safe and well protected at school?
- Is there any aspect of the school environment that you feel is unsafe?
- Do you think that the school is complying with its child safeguarding requirements?
- What steps would you suggest the school takes to ensure the children's safety?
- Have you any suggestions as to how the school could improve its child protection procedures?

36. Has the Board sought the feedback of pupils in relation to the school's child safeguarding arrangements?

In relation to this question, the DLP/ Deputy DLP may deal with this topic during an SPHE lesson with senior classes, a focus group of children from across classes or with the school student council, if in place, or via a survey. The following questions may be used as prompts and the responses can be noted:

- Do you feel safe in school?
- What makes you feel safe in school?
- What does/ would not make you feel safe in school?
- If you didn't feel safe or if you were worried about another pupil not being safe, who would you talk to?
- How could we help you feel safer in school ?