

Legal Services



Nottinghamshire County Council Legal Services is a nationally recognised award winning team having won the MJ Awards, Halsbury Law Awards and Legal 500 for Best Public Law Team of the Year 2015. Not content to rest there, the team were national finalists in the Family Law Team of the Year as well as the Local Government Chronicle Awards for best public sector legal team.

Legal Services has continued to maintain these high standards for 2016 and are finalists for 'Team of the Year' for the Halsbury Law Awards, the Law Society Awards and Lawyers in Local Government Awards.

A dedicated legal team that no matter what the legal difficulty, can support you every step of the way. Having provided advice and support to schools for many years, we are well aware of and understand the wide ranging problems faced by schools, headteachers and governing bodies in an ever changing world.

Whether you need advice on pupil, parental issues, data protection, FOI, cyberbullying, threats of legal action against a school or legal advice in relation to property, safeguarding or contract disputes, we are here to help.

What we offer

- Access to telephone advice line (0115 993 9320) - operated during normal office hours on weekdays which enables you to speak directly to a solicitor or legal practitioner to obtain initial advice.
- Access to highly competitive rates - as a purchaser of an annual package, you will be charged at a considerably lower rate than most private sector comparators.
- Training for governors and staff at maintained schools and academies can be provided in conjunction with Governor Support Services. Cost to be negotiated based on our hourly rates and the number of attendees.
- Finally, what we offer is peace of mind. A team that is committed to obtaining the best outcomes for you and your school.

Our pledge

Legal Services offer a flexible service which supports schools to meet their legal obligations. All services are provided by friendly and experienced staff who have worked with schools for many years. Legal Services is accredited under the Law Society's LEXCEL Practice Management quality mark.

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Benefits to your school

- ▶ We understand the need to be able to adapt and respond to an ever changing and demanding landscape.
- ▶ The law can be complex, demanding and expensive. Our experience has taught us that simplicity is key.
- ▶ By being innovative and practical, we keep things simple, which in turn provides you with the best outcome and for the best cost.

Further information

Whilst we will always do our best to act in your best interests, there may be an infrequent occasion where there is a conflict of interest between the school and the Local Authority. If this arises, the Council will put you in touch with its panel of leading private sector law firms who may offer schools and academies preferential rates.



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