For the attention of:
Head Teacher/Principal and Chair of Governors of all schools and academies in Nottinghamshire, including independent schools, alternative providers and colleges.

Assurance of statutory safeguarding arrangements in Nottinghamshire schools, colleges and independent providers

This letter accompanies a copy of the Nottinghamshire Safeguarding Children in Education Self-Audit Tool for 2018/19 as well as guidance notes to support its completion. This tool reflects the statutory guidance from the Department of Education issued under Section 175 of The Education Act 2002, the Education (Independent School Standards) Regulations 2014, and the Non-Maintained Special Schools (England) Regulations 2015. Schools and colleges in England must have regard to this guidance when carrying out their duties to safeguard and promote the welfare of children.

The self-audit tool, and its accompanying guidance have been revised to reflect the changes and strengthening in:

- HM Working Together to Safeguard Children, published 4th July 2018 and
- DfE Keeping Children Safe in Education (KCSIE) in force from 3rd September 2018

This statutory guidance can be accessed in


This year the safeguarding self-audit is in two parts:

- **Form 1** – this simple form should be completed by all schools colleges, academies and independent schools and providers and returned in electronic format to cheryl.stollery@nottscc.gov.uk no later than **17th December 2018**. The completed forms will confirm that key safeguarding standards are in place within your organisation; they will be retained by the Local Authority and Nottinghamshire Safeguarding Children Board (NSCB) to evidence compliance with statutory duties in relation to keeping children safe.
- **Self-audit tool** – this tool is designed to break down the requirements in KCSIE and help schools undertake their own quality assurance of safeguarding. Nottinghamshire’s maintained schools’ Governing Bodies will be expected to use the self-audit tool to support the quality assurance and reporting of safeguarding arrangements at the Autumn Term meeting. Education providers with different governance arrangements may also find the self-audit tool helpful.
These procedural changes reflect the changing educational landscape and the evolving partnership arrangements between education providers, the Local Authority and the Nottinghamshire Safeguarding Children’s Board (NSCB). This revised guidance and the wider changes to how children’s safeguarding arrangements will be operating across the country confirm the ongoing statutory responsibility of the Local Authority for overseeing safeguarding children and young people wherever they are educated.

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Sincerely,

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