

We Need Your Help to Keep Children Safe in Education

In recent months the issue of unregistered schools has been in the national headlines as concerns have arisen regarding children attending unlawful education settings which are not providing a quality education and are not protecting children.

Any organisation should be registered, as an Independent school if they provide full time education to:

- a) to five or more children of compulsory school age; or,
- b) to one or more children with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP), with a statement of special educational needs, or a child who is “looked after” by the County Council.

It can be difficult to identify unregistered/unlawful schools and settings and so the County Council would welcome the help and support of all agencies and communities with this task.

Please circulate this request for help to your colleagues and the local community. If anyone becomes aware of what they believe may be an unregistered school they are asked to advise the Education Safeguarding Team: education.safeguarding@surreycc.gov.uk

The County Council will then provide guidance to the setting of their responsibility to safeguard the children who attend and, if appropriate, provide advice to the setting to register with Ofsted and meet the standards expected of all school environments.

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