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Wolverhampton Safeguarding Board

Dear Colleagues,

Re: Unregistered Schools

In recent weeks the issue of unregistered schools has been in the national headlines as concerns have arisen regarding children attending illegal 'schools' which are not teaching the national curriculum and are not protecting children.

Any organisation that provides full time education to five or more pupils of compulsory school age should be registered, with Ofsted, as an Independent school.

In Wolverhampton, we are keen to protect all our children and ensure that the education they receive is appropriate and undertaken safely and your help is needed to make sure this happens. The identification of 'schools' who fail to register is difficult and requires all communities to be vigilant and willing to share information with the Local Authority where there is a suspicion of children attending these settings.

As the Safer Wolverhampton Partnership and the Safeguarding Children Board work closely with local communities I ask that you promote, through your networks, the need to identify organisations that are acting as illegal schools and advise the Local Authority Safeguarding Service of their existence. By doing so, together we can safeguard our children and support the 'school' to register, if appropriate, and meet the standards expected of any school environment.

With your support we can proactively safeguard children in our City and make a valuable contribution to the life chances of the children affected.

Yours sincerely,

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