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To: Chair of Governors

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Dear Chair of Governors

Online Safety and Sexting

Keeping Children Safe in Education (September 2016) has specifically strengthened requirements about on-line safety and sexting. This work was already in place by the Local Authority and was shared at the Designated Safeguarding Leads days in March 2016 when the DSL handbook (which included the sexting pathway) were shared at the conference and the model safeguarding policy guidance which included the online safety element. The local education model child protection policy guidance has been updated to reflect KCSIE (2016) and is available at www.solgrid.org.uk/safeguarding.

As online safety and sexting are strengthened in KCSIE (2016), we will need to assure the LSCB the requirements are in place and fully understood, and in terms of the local authority statutory duty, we will need to report on this. We enclose an on-line safety audit (including sexting) to be undertaken by education leaders and returned to us by **Friday 17 February 2017**. The Headteacher and Chair of Governors should sign this off before returning it to seis@solihull.gov.uk with the reference "Online Safety Audit".

Thank you.

Yours sincerely

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