

The monastic and lay trustees work collaboratively for the advancement of the school. Typically, AAT's interest lies in the character of the School as a Catholic Benedictine school and in an awareness of the strategic planning and development of the School.

22. As such, AAT's function in the governance of the School is to ensure that the children receive an education which embodies the values and principles of the Roman Catholic Church and the Rule of St Benedict. AAT's influence is largely focused on the religious backdrop to the education provided by the School (which is the main factor in many parents' decisions to send their children to Ampleforth) is maintained and providing priests to act as the School Chaplain and lead religious services.
23. AAT has no direct function in the administration of the School in relation to safeguarding. That is not to say that the School and the monastery work in isolation in relation to safeguarding issues. When safeguarding issues arise from the School, the monastery's Safeguarding Coordinator (Mr Mick Walker), is sometimes consulted for advice by the School's Designated Safeguarding Lead, Ms Deirdre Rowe (the Associate Head). Any safeguarding concern arising from the School in relation to a member of the Community is always reported to Mr Walker.

Notwithstanding this, in the reverse situation, where a safeguarding concern arises from the monastery, it is always shared with the School immediately pursuant to the Safeguarding Information Flow Policy.

(b) Details of the roles of the Headmaster, St Laurence Education Trust and the School's governing body in relation the School's governance and administration;

24. The Headmaster's job description is annexed to this statement at Appendix Two. It provides (amongst other things) that:
 - a. The Headmaster is directly accountable to SLET;
 - b. The Headmaster must report termly to SLET and annually to AAT;
 - c. The Headmaster will have ultimate responsibility for pastoral care in the School, particularly with regard to safeguarding issues;
 - d. The Headmaster will be the line manager for the Associate Head who, herself, is the Designated Safeguarding Lead ("DSL") for the School.
25. SLET is the governing body for the school. By its memorandum of association, it is empowered (amongst other things) to conduct, maintain or support Roman Catholic seminaries, colleges, schools and other educational establishments.