



These questions are part of NGA's 'Questions for governing boards to ask' series: [click here](#) to view the full range of questions.

Health warning: these questions need to be used appropriately. You need to consider the best time and place to ask any questions – it may be at the relevant committee meeting, rather than in a full Governing Board meeting, and must be pertinent to the discussion at hand. It is absolutely not intended that these questions should be handed over to the headteacher and an answer to each one sought. This is not a test for school leaders, but a tool to help governors.

Overarching question: Do we keep children safe and healthy?

- a) Do we meet the statutory health and safety requirements?
 - i. How does the school ensure it keeps up to date with relevant health and safety regulations and guidance?
 - ii. Is there a designated health & safety co-ordinator; are governors and staff aware of who this person is?
 - iii. How often are safety inspections carried out and are the outcomes reported to the governing body.
 - iv. Are the school's procedures for dealing with a breach or incident clear?
 - v. Are staff clear about the procedures for dealing with health and safety emergencies?

- b) Does the school have clear and proportionate procedures in place for approving (risk assessing) school trips/outdoor activities?

c) How are child protection issues monitored, do we have a child protection coordinator (name, contact details)?

- i. Are staff aware of the procedure that needs to be followed when they have concerns about child protection?
- ii. Have staff and governors received appropriate child protection/safeguarding training?
- iii. Do we run e-safety awareness training for staff, governors, pupils and parents?~
- iv. Have we ensured we have sought information to identify any members of staff who may be disqualified under the new disqualification criteria in early years?

d) Is the school offering a good range of sports, and other outdoor activities (see also **question 12**):

- i. How many pupils are participating in these?
- ii. What could be done to get more pupils involved?

e) Does the school food meet the School Food Standards (which came into force in January 2015)?

- i. Has there been any change in take-up of school meals as a result of the introduction of universal infant free school meals?

f) Has the school applied for Healthy School Food Standard/Artsmark/Eco-Schools etc?