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Education and Pastoral

Veale Wasbrough's Education Department has gained national recognition for its advice to education establishments, in particular independent schools, nationwide.

How can we help you?

Parent contract

The Veale Wasbrough Parent Contract has been used by approximately 600 independent schools since its introduction in the late 1980s and is recognised as the standard in the sector. Our template includes a full suite of documents taking the parties from initial enquiry through to a legally binding contract. The terms and conditions have been successfully tested in the courts and are broadly approved by the Office of Fair Trading.

Pastoral care policies and procedures

We can provide a comprehensive range of policies and procedures, many of which are now mandatory under the Education (Independent School Standards) (England) Regulations 2003 (as amended). We have produced an "inspection toolkit" to ensure that schools have the required, compliant policies in advance of an inspection. We can advise on the introduction and implementation of these policies.

Contracts

We have created contract templates of many kinds ranging from various agreements for the payment of fees to those which generate additional income for the school through the hire of premises and facilities. We are also asked to advise on catering and computer contracts, construction contracts, funding agreement, work experience agreements and many other arrangements.

Legal compliance

Our full range of expertise extends to asset recovery following fraud; identifying authors of forged documents, and anonymous letters; advice on money laundering; school transport; data protection; consumer credit; supply of goods and services; school trips and activities; school insurances; death and personal injury; human rights; bullying; family disputes; child protection; health and safety; swimming pool hire; proprietary clubs; sports safety; school trip contracts; preparation for inspection; education guardianship and other areas of compliance.

We have advised on judicial reviews on a variety of matters and provided advice to respondents in the recent OFT Inquiry into independent school fees.

Incident management

In the event that a serious incident occurs you may need immediate assistance with the management of media interest, drafting press statements and letters to parents and staff, dealing with the police and other authorities and understanding your legal rights and responsibilities. We are accustomed to dealing with these cases as an emergency and providing support at the level you need.

Internal reviews/inquiries

We have experience of guiding organisations through internal inquiries on matters such as internet pornography, child protection scandals, sexual assault and suicides/sudden deaths.

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"Education providers are communities that can suffer the ups-and-downs experienced by those in the wider community. We can guide you through those experiences".

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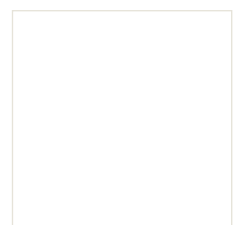
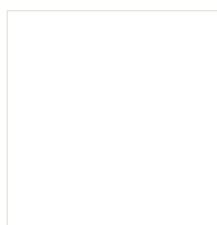
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