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Vicky Wilson is a Senior Associate in our Education Team and has provided legal advice to schools for over 10 years. Vicky is an Independent Schools and Safeguarding specialist. She regularly advises on complex safeguarding matters, parental complaints, Family law issues that relate to the sector and data protection. Having previously worked in-house for an Educational Trust, Vicky has seen things from both sides and uses her insight to connect with clients and provide pragmatic advice.

Vicky's broad range of experience as a commercial litigator and charity solicitor enables her to support schools with contentious and non-contentious work as well as with day-to-day operational advice, including admissions, exclusions and special educational needs. She is known for her governance and pastoral advice to independent schools and academies. Vicky has been ranked as a "Rising Star" in Legal 500 for 2021.

Vicky advises schools on larger projects, including new independent school registrations, mergers and closures.

Vicky is a member of the Education Law Association (ELAS) and a professional member of the Safeguarding and Child Protection Association (SACPA). She is regularly asked to speak at regional and national conferences and delivers training and webinars for schools.

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## Related expertise

### Services

Child protection and safeguarding  
in schools

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## Featured Experience

**Independent school mergers and acquisitions**

Providing advice to independent schools on merger projects and highlighting the education, charity and pastoral considerations.

## **Compliance with Family Court Orders**

Advising a number of schools on the validity and effect of Family Court Orders concerning current pupils, including advice on practical implementation and information sharing.

## **Safeguarding advice**

Advising a school on how to deal with safeguarding allegations, including involvement of the Local Authority and Police in order to comply with education and charity law as well as considering the reputation of the school.

## **Support with parental complaints**

Successfully supporting schools with internal complaints at Stages 2 and 3 (panel hearing) in order to reach a satisfactory conclusion and prevent the need for external courses of action to be pursued.