

ANNEX A

REGULATION 28: REPORT TO PREVENT FUTURE DEATHS (1)

NOTE: This form is to be used after an inquest.

	<p>REGULATION 28 REPORT TO PREVENT FUTURE DEATHS</p> <p>THIS REPORT IS BEING SENT TO:</p> <p>1. The Office for Standards in Education, Children's Services and Skills</p>
1	<p>CORONER</p> <p>I am Kevin McLoughlin, Assistant Coroner for the coroner area of West Yorkshire (Eastern).</p>
2	<p>CORONER'S LEGAL POWERS</p> <p>I make this report under paragraph 7, Schedule 5, of the Coroners and Justice Act 2009 and regulations 28 and 29 of the Coroners (Investigations) Regulations 2013.</p>
3	<p>INVESTIGATION and INQUEST</p> <p>On 13th May 2014 an investigation was commenced into the death of Ann Maguire aged 61 years. The investigation concluded at the end of the Inquest on 22nd November 2017. The conclusion of the Inquest was that she was unlawfully killed. She died from 1(a) Shock and haemorrhage due to 1(b) Stab wound to the neck severing jugular vein</p>
4	<p>CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DEATH</p> <p>On 28th April 2014 Ann Maguire was stabbed by a 15 year old pupil as she taught Spanish at Corpus Christi Catholic School, Leeds. She sustained some 7 stab wounds and died within two hours at Leeds General Infirmary. The boy who carried out the attack, [REDACTED] subsequently pleaded guilty to murder and is currently serving a life sentence with a minimum term of 20 years.</p> <p>Prior to the attack, [REDACTED] informed other children in his class of his intention to kill three teachers and showed some of them the large kitchen knife he had taken from home to use as a weapon. None of the 10 children concerned informed a teacher or other adult of his intention or that he was in possession of a knife.</p>
5	<p><u>CORONER'S CONCERNS</u></p> <p>During the course of the inquest the evidence revealed matters giving rise to concern. In my opinion there is a risk that future deaths will occur unless action is taken. In the circumstances it is my statutory duty to report to you.</p> <p>The MATTERS OF CONCERN are as follows. –</p> <p>The need to prevent weapons such as knives being brought into schools in the UK is axiomatic. How schools perceive the risks associated with weapons and manage them, appears to be the subject of widespread variation.</p> <p>The Inquest heard evidence from an OFSTED Inspector who visited the school in June</p>

	<p>2013, some 10 months before the murder took place. Over the two days of the inspection, the team of Inspectors inevitably had to prioritise those aspects of the school they would scrutinise. No indication was given to them from teachers, pupils or parents that knives were a problem in that school; indeed the OFSTED report commented students felt "very safe".</p> <p>OFSTED inspections already consider the issue of safety. In order to give greater prominence to the need to control any weapon being brought into a school, OFSTED are asked to consider making it mandatory for their Inspectors to review and report on the way a school manages the safety of its pupils and staff and protects them from the risk of violent attack. In this way OFSTED may be able to contribute to the dissemination of good practice, for example, by publishing a prohibited items list and reinforcing the need for children to report anything untoward to a teacher.</p>
6	<p>ACTION SHOULD BE TAKEN</p> <p>In my opinion action should be taken to prevent future deaths and I believe you have the power to take such action.</p>
7	<p>YOUR RESPONSE</p> <p>You are under a duty to respond to this report within 56 days of the date of this report, namely by 17 January 2018. I, the coroner, may extend the period.</p> <p>Your response must contain details of action taken or proposed to be taken, setting out the timetable for action. Otherwise you must explain why no action is proposed.</p>
8	<p>COPIES and PUBLICATION</p> <p>I have sent a copy of my report to the Chief Coroner and to the following Interested Persons:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. [REDACTED] 2. [REDACTED] 3. Leeds City Council – [REDACTED] 4. Corpus Christi Catholic College – [REDACTED] 5. West Yorkshire Police – Superintendent Millar 6. [REDACTED] – Solicitor 7. [REDACTED] Head of Health and Safety, DFE <p>I am also under a duty to send the Chief Coroner a copy of your response.</p> <p>The Chief Coroner may publish either or both in a complete or redacted or summary form. He may send a copy of this report to any person who he believes may find it useful or of interest. You may make representations to me, the coroner, at the time of your response, about the release or the publication of your response by the Chief Coroner.</p>
9	<p>22 November 2017</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Kevin McLaughlin</i></p>