



Addendum to Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy and Procedures due to the circumstances of COVID-19

Due to the current unprecedented circumstances of the COVID-19 virus, it is necessary that all schools are prepared and have appropriate arrangements in place in relation to the management of any safeguarding or child protection concerns both on and off site during this time. Therefore, we have produced this cover note/addendum to our existing Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy and Procedures to ensure all staff, Governors and Parents understand our protocols for managing child protection concerns during this time.

Designated Safeguarding Leads and Deputies

On Site: While our school site remains open for vulnerable children and children of key workers (and when a phased return of other pupils commences), the Designated Safeguarding Leads/Deputies are Pete Wiley (DSL), Sarah Hill (DDSL), Colleen Robinson (DDSL) and Sam Butters (DDSL). They will continue to be our Designated Safeguarding Leads/Deputies due to their level of training and skill. However, due to these unprecedented circumstances, they may not physically be on our school site every day. Where a DSL or DDSL is not on site, a member of staff is the designated 'Lead Teacher' and will liaise directly with the Designated Safeguarding Leads/Deputies if any incidents of a child protection nature occur. (see weekly rota).

Pete Wiley: 07745 719396

Sarah Hill: 07791 292511

Arrangements for Contact with Vulnerable Children

Where our school remains open, the Designated Safeguarding Leads and Deputies are fully aware of their vulnerable children and those they are expecting into school each day. Should that child not arrive then a member of staff will make contact with the parent or carer immediately and the Designated Safeguarding Lead or Deputy will contact social care immediately if there is no response.

Designated Safeguarding Leads/Deputies will continue to contact vulnerable children and their families on a daily basis where possible, if the school is closed or these children are not on site. At the very least, contact will be made as follows: children the subject of a Child Protection Plan (daily), children who have a Child in Need Plan (twice weekly), Children in our Care (at least twice weekly dependent on the child's individual placement needs). If there are any issues raised during this time regarding their care, safety or ability to be contacted then the Designated Safeguarding Lead/Deputy will follow their local safeguarding procedures and contact social care immediately (as per our Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy and Procedures). Concerns will be logged on CPOMS as usual.

School will not contact families during normal school holiday periods.

South Tees Multi-Agency Children's Hub: 01642 130700

Availability and contact arrangements for families and professionals who wish to make contact with the Designated Safeguarding Leads/Deputies

During these unprecedented circumstances the Designated Safeguarding Leads/Deputies will be available to be contacted by children, families and other services and agencies to ensure the safety and well-being of all our vulnerable children. They can be contacted via the school telephone number in the first instance and whether they are on or off site they will gain contact with any family or professional as soon as possible.

Contact with the Designated Safeguarding Leads/Deputies should be within the hours of the school day 8:45am-3:00pm ONLY. Designated Safeguarding Leads/Deputies cannot be responsible for not receiving calls and messages outside of these times. In the event that children or families need support immediately please contact social care immediately (as per the information within the Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy and Procedures) or contact the Police.

Response to safeguarding or child protection concerns

As always our school's duty of care is to keep children safe and while the arrangements of the physical care of children and physical presence of our Designated Safeguarding Leads/Deputies may be different during this time the school's response remains the same and follows the guidelines as set out in our school's Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy and Procedures.

Upon the return of more children to school, staff may identify new safeguarding concerns about individual children, for example disclosures of risk of harm, peer on peer abuse or any negative experiences during the time of lockdown and isolation. Staff should be clear that they must continue to follow our school's Child Protection Policy and Procedures and report concerns immediately regarding any child to the Designated Safeguarding Leads (following the on/off site arrangements in place). Once verbally reported this should be documented following our school's recording procedures (CPOMS). Every effort to gain accurate information from the parent and child on their return to school should be taken including, health, mental health, peer on peer abuse and any changes in circumstances.

Response to safeguarding concerns regarding adults in school

As stated in our school's Child Protection Policy and Procedures, any concerns that may be raised regarding any adult's behaviour in school towards a child should be reported immediately to the Headteacher.

Support for children who remain home schooled

Continued arrangements will remain in place for those children who are home schooled. Regular, agreed contact will remain in place for those children and their

parents, including checking on their online activity and how they are supported and supervised at home.

Attendance Procedures

Although attendance of children at school during this time is not statutory. Regular contact with children who are vulnerable should be maintained and actioned as stated above.

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