



## **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), the Designated Safeguarding Leads/Deputies are Pete Wiley (DSL), Sarah Hill (DDSL), Stacey Downing (DDSL) and Sam Butters (DDSL). They will continue to be our Designated Safeguarding Leads/Deputies due to their level of training and skill. There will always be a member of the Safeguarding Team (DSL or DDSL) on site.

DSL/DHT - Pete Wiley: 07745 719396

DDSL/HT - 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), children with an Early Help Plan (weekly). 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.

**Redcar and Cleveland 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-3:30pm 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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<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-safeguarding-in-schools-colleges-and-other-providers/coronavirus-covid-19-safeguarding-in-schools-colleges-and-other-providers>

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